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HH the Amir (right) and President Mubarak listen to national anthems on their arrival at the Presidential Palace in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Senators to Cory
'Just say no'

MANILA, Aug 28. (Reuters): A bloc of senators urged President Corazon Aquino today to serve the United States early notice that the Philippines would not renew their military bases agreement after 1991.

The group of 10 senators, enough to prevent ratification of any accord extending the facilities, issued the call in the second anti-bases resolution drawn up by lawmakers in the past week in an apparently hardening of attitude on the US military presence in the country.

Earlier today, a visiting US congressional leader voiced confidence Aquino would keep the bases in this Pacific nation despite politicians' demands for their removal.

The resolution, yet to be discussed by the full Senate, called on the chamber to express "its sense in favour of terminating the... agreement in September 1991 and urging the President of the Philippines to serve notice of such termination on the United States, precluding any extension."

Rebel held in Rowe hit

DAVAO CITY, Philippines, Aug 28. (AP): Troops arrested a communist rebel who admitted taking part in the April slaying of a US Army colonel in a Manila suburb, the military said.

Jumio Itaas, 25, was arrested with a companion in a public jeep yesterday evening after intelligence reports linked him to the April 21 slaying of Col. James "Nick" Rowe, the military said.

Rowe, a decorated Vietnam war veteran who escaped after five years in a Viet Cong prison camp, was slain on his way to work at the joint US military assistance group in Quezon city.

Communist rebels claimed responsibility for the assassination. Maj. Gen. Ramon Montaner, acting military chief of staff, told reporters he considered the Rowe case solved, although the other assailants had not been caught.

It was the first time the military has claimed to have arrested one of the triggers in the Rowe killing. In June, police arrested a messenger for a university newspaper in connection with the slaying but said later he was not believed to have been among the actual assailants.

Nimeiri offers a 'peace' of advice

CAIRO, Aug 28. (AP): Outraged president Isfar Nimeiri said today that Sudan's new military leadership should base its peace moves to stop the six-year-old civil war in the south on the 1972 agreement he used to end a similar rebellion.

In the statement, Nimeiri said that a seven-member committee made up of Arab countries, including Egypt, should be formed to monitor the talks.

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Paris tables initiative

Group threatens to kill Pope



Sheikh Abbas Musavi (second left) during the funeral procession of nine Hezbollah militants killed in an Israeli air raid in south Lebanon on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

US raps raid on Hezbollah

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Aug. 28. (Agencies): The White House today condemned Israel's raids on radical Shiite Hezbollah bases in Lebanon but said it saw no connection between the raids and Lebanon's hostage impasse.

Speaking at President George Bush's vacation retreat, spokesman Roman Popadiuk said:

"We deplore the continuing cycle of violence. It does not contribute to a peaceful solution."

These incidents underscore the need for agreed upon security

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arrangements in Lebanon and on the border of Israel and the need for an overall political settlement in Lebanon."

Asked if the United States had asked Israel to refrain from such raids out of concern for foreign held hostage in Lebanon, Popadiuk said: "I'm not aware of any contacts with Israel concerning this latest raid."

He added, "We see no connection between this incident and the hostage situation."

Sunday's attack was apparently

in retaliation for an Aug 9 suicide car bomb attack by a Hezbollah activist that wounded five Israeli soldiers and an allied Lebanese militiamen in the security zone.

Hezbollah said the bombing was to avenge the kidnapping of Shiite cleric Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid by Israeli commandos from his home in South Lebanon July 28.

In Sidon, Shiite Muslim

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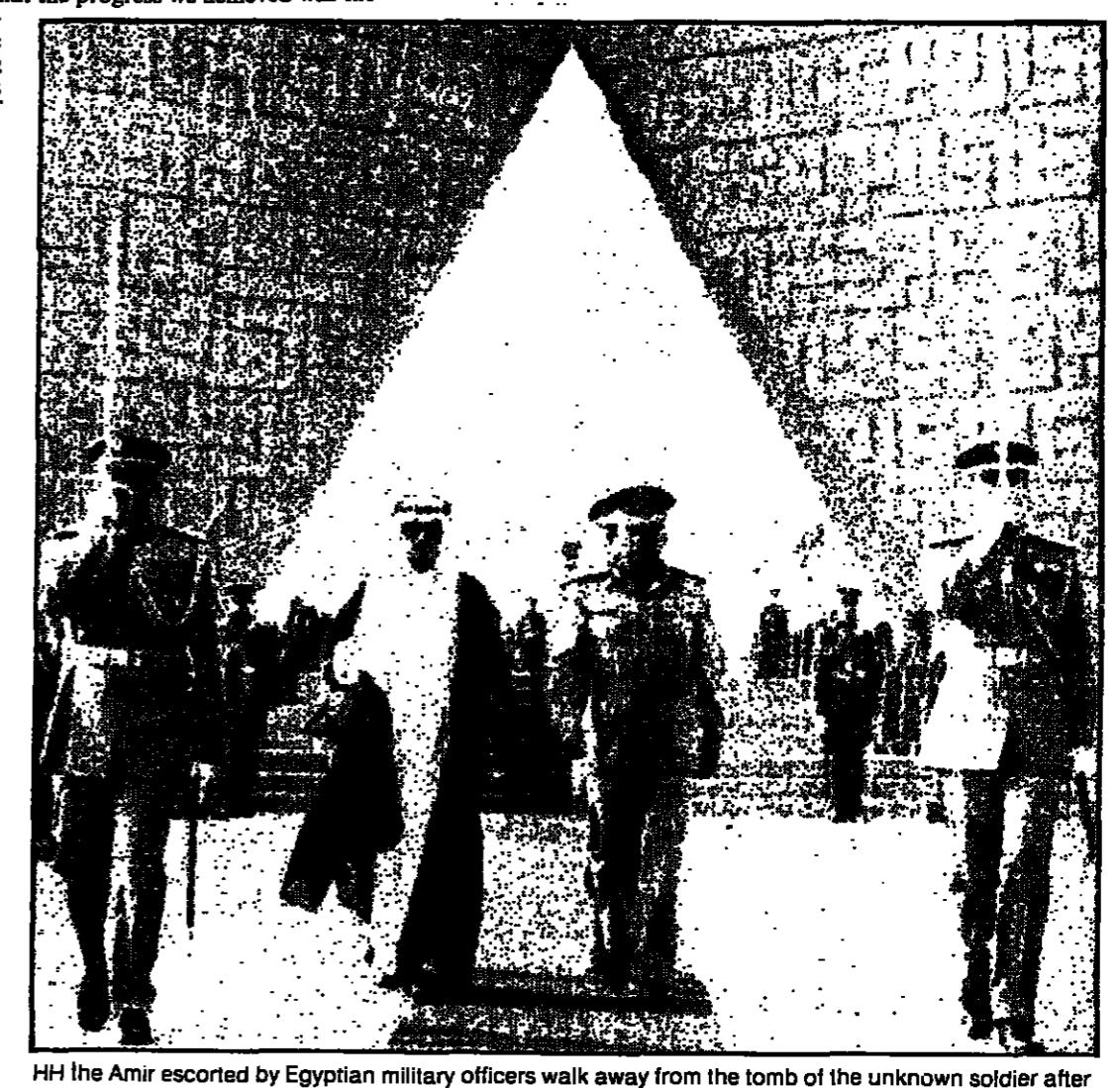
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HH the Amir escorted by Egyptian military officers walk away from the tomb of the unknown soldier after laying a wreath. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thousands line streets, sing and dance in welcome

Amir starts visit; Egypt celebrates

'Expression of love and appreciation'

CAIRO, Aug 28. (Agencies): HH the Amir of Kuwait, making his first visit to Egypt since he became head of state in 1977, arrived in Cairo today pledging never to forget Egypt's help in developing his country.

Egypt, one of the world's poorest countries, has about 200,000 workers in Kuwait, one of the richest. Cairo depends heavily on revenues sent back by migrant workers in Gulf Arab states to prop up its ailing economy.

"In Kuwait we never forget that the progress we achieved was the

The visit follows Egypt's re-admission to the Arab League after it was expelled for making peace with Israel in 1979. It has raised hopes for a new wave of Kuwaiti investments in Egypt.

Kuwaiti loans, deposits and investments in Egypt total \$3.5 billion Kuwaiti embassy officials in Cairo said.

Egypt's state-owned Middle East News Agency said among expected results of the visit is an agreement on expanding bilateral economic and technical cooperation. In practical terms, this would mean more Kuwaiti financial aid and investments to Egypt and increased Egyptian technical expertise for Kuwait.

The agency said Kuwait will give Egypt a soft loan of KD10 million (\$32.5 million) to help develop its iron and steel works. Repayment would be over 19 years, including a four-year grace period, at four per cent interest, it said.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, has given Egypt loans totalling KD77 million (\$250 million) since 1962.

In a front-page article today, Cairo's leading state-owned newspaper Al Ahram described the Amir-Mubarak talk as "a meeting of Arab wisdom" that underline the moderation characterising the policies of the two countries.

Kuwaiti officials said the Amir, who is the current head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, would discuss various regional, Arab and Islamic issues

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result of Egypt's contribution through its experts, doctors, workers, engineers and teachers," the Amir said in a statement issued to reporters on his arrival.

Thousands of Egyptians, applauding, dancing and singing, lined the streets in the sweltering August heat to welcome the Kuwaiti leader at the start of his three-day official visit.

The Amir was to begin formal talks tomorrow with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak focusing on Arab issues including the Lebanese conflict, and on developing trade and economic ties between Cairo and Kuwait.

36 AIDS carriers in Kuwait

By Mahmoud Morsi

KUWAIT, Aug 28: The number of AIDS carriers found in Kuwait so far has risen to 36, a Health Ministry official said today.

Director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital Dr Abdul Aziz Al Enezi said all the new carriers found among expatriate labourers who arrived in Kuwait in the past few years.

Kuwait had announced before that it had found 25 AIDS carriers and one patient, a five-year-old girl who obtained blood transfusion in the United States later died.

He added that all the necessary preventive measures have been taken towards the new discovered carriers after they were examined at the expatriate labourers check-up centre.

He emphasised that there are no AIDS patients in Kuwait, adding that most of the 36 carriers are young people and majority of them are expatriates.

Enezi stressed that cholera and all

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Afghan rival rebels clash

Hundreds die

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug 28. (Reuters): About 300 people have been killed in fighting between two rival rebel groups in north Afghanistan and fighting is spreading to other provinces, one group said today.

Hezb-i-Islami (Hezmatyar) spokesman Obaidullah told a news conference in Peshawar his party's followers had been under attack from Jamiat-i-Islami in Takhar and Badakshan provinces for four weeks.

"The fighting... has now spilled over to other provinces," he said.

He said some 300 people from both sides lost their lives after a Jamiat assault to capture a Hezb commander blamed for a rebel massacre in Takhar province last month.

Obaidullah also said fierce fighting at Barak in Badakshan province "resulted in the death of a big number of civilians and mujahideen (rebels)."

Earlier, Afghan rebel government Information Minister Najibullah Lafraie, a member of Jamiat, told reporters in Islamabad Jamiat rebels had captured Hezb commander Saeed Jamal and his brother on Aug 20 without bloodshed.

Hezb held out for three weeks and then lost contact with adjacent Hezb bases, he said.

Hezb said he had reports some 200 Jamiat and 100 Hezb guerrillas were killed, confirming a similar report broadcast by the official Kabul Radio four days

ago.

Afghan sources said the rift seemed to pose the most serious threat so far to the Pakistani-based rebel interim government, formed last February as the Soviet Union completed withdrawal of more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan.

Additionally, 25,000 Australian sheep which arrived in Kuwait on Sunday were also cleared after carrying out stringent medical tests. This brings the total number of Australian sheep cleared to 123,678.

The Australian sheep were found free of disease, according to Dr Sultan Al Sultan, director of Animal Health Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources.

During a press conference held yesterday at the authority, Sultan said that veterinary authorities checked the consignment of sheep on the ship "Qorain" and found that there were no symptoms of the above mentioned diseases.

He added that sheep consignments continuously coming to Kuwait for the past several years had shown no signs of diseases.

The official said that the authority conducted blood tests and post mortem for one week.

Usually a one to four per cent deaths occur during long voyages.

Sultan stressed that the authority is very concerned about any livestock or sheep coming to Kuwait and medical examinations are very stringent.

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Hezb has in recent weeks accused Masood of making secret deals with Kabul and Obaidullah said the Jamiat attacks on Hezb members were backed by government militia.

"The Jamiat must realise that it will not benefit from this fighting which will cost it dearly," he said.

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Solar autos coming of age

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Aug 28. (AP) Sceptics say solar-powered cars still aren't feasible. But James Worden commutes to work every day in a solar car he built himself.

The car is a 350-pound (158-kilogramme), silver three-wheeler covered with solar panels that suggests a cross between a Golf cart and a Honda Civic. It holds two people, can reach 35 miles (56 kilometres), and for four years has taken him on his regular 13-mile (30-kilometre) commute.

Worden keeps it parked in a sunny spot outside his lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When he drives it at night, or takes it more than about 50 miles (80 kilometres), he plugs it into an ordinary electric outlet to recharge its nickel-cadmium batteries.

Worden easily kept up with traffic during a recent spin through crowded Cambridge, where the most significant trouble the car encountered was giant potholes in the road.

One advantage was its silence.

"It's stalled?" A passenger inquired as the car sat noiselessly waiting for a green light.

"No," Worden replied. "It's recharging."

In a month or two, the 22-year-old entrepreneur expects to produce a four-wheel prototype that will look more like a more traditional automobile.

"We hope to be making a car a day in two years," said Worden, who was a high school student when he built his first solar car and had yet to graduate from MIT when he founded his company, Solelectron Corp.

Marketability

Solar-electric cars already are on the market in Europe. For instance, a Swiss compact sells for about \$20,500.

Worden said his next generation solar-electric computer car will weigh 800 to 1,000 pounds (362 to 453 kilograms), accommodate two people plus 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of cargo and reach 45 mph. It also will be able to go for 40 miles (64 kilometres) at night and 60 miles (96 kilometres) in full sunlight before recharging.

"It's a city car," Worden said. "The idea is, it'll be sprightly and clean and easy. There's no gas and no fuel charge and no oil changes. You'll never have to get a brake job... There won't be a muffler either... The only service you'll need, except the tyres, is watering the battery every year or so."

The car should sell for about \$10,000. Worden said. Extra solar panels, which could be left on a roof for recharging, would cost another \$500 to \$1,000.

Solelectron also is working on a \$20,000 racing car model to go faster and further.

His four-wheel computer car has limitations.

In full sunlight, it will go only 20 miles (32 kilometres) per hour before drawing on its high-tech lead battery. Parked a full day in the sun, it will soak up only enough light to run 40 miles (64 kilometres). Recharging the battery will take up to five hours.

Still, Worden and other entrepreneurs of solar energy say that smog, ozone depletion and global warming make electric cars more attractive, even in places where frequently cloudy skies obscure the sunlight.

Some proponents, such as Robert Wills, an engineer at Dartmouth College, predict solar cars will be commercially available in this country before the end of the century.

"There just aren't any better solutions to air pollution in the major cities," said Wills, an organizer of the New England Tour de Sol solar car races.

Technology

At the same time, solar technology has advanced enormously in recent years, due in part to lessons learned from long-distance solar car races.

In 1987, General Motors' Sunraycer was driven 1,950 miles (3,138 kilometres) across Australia in 5 1/2 days, averaging 41.5 miles (66.7 kilometres) per hour.

And just this summer, Worden's racing car, the 270-pound (122-kilogramme) Soletria, drove 3,200 miles (5,149 kilometres) from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., in two weeks, with few troubles other than some flat tires.

But although GM has learned much about engineering light-weight solar cars from the Sunraycer, "We feel this probably has more application to a light-weight, efficient electric commuter than to a solar car," said GM spokesman Bruce McCrystal in Detroit.

Bakker cheated: prosecution

Defence calls TV evangelist a genius

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug 28. (AP) A prosecutor said today that television evangelist Jim Bakker lied to his followers to cheat them out of their money, but defence lawyers called Bakker a genius who stands unfairly accused.

Bakker, founder of the PTL television ministry — one of several such Christian fundamentalist empires in the United States — is being tried on 28 counts of fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors say he and other executives of PTL diverted for their own benefit at least \$4 million of the \$158 million they raised for "lifetime partnerships" at the ministry's resort hotels.

"The motive was dollars," prosecutor Jerry Miller told jurors in opening statements at Bakker's federal court trial. "The motive was opulence. The motive was a lavish lifestyle most of you won't be able to identify with."

In his 40-minute presentation to the jury, Miller said Bakker "used untruth and half-truth" to get people to send money for the partnerships in PTL.

"This case is about cheating people out of their money, tricking people out of their money by the use of the mails, telephone and television," Miller said.

Defence lawyer George Davis spoke an hour and 15 minutes, saying there was no

evidence that Bakker sold anything or had any criminal intent to defraud people.

"We will prove that there was not a sale of one single membership or lifetime partnership," Davis said. "What happened was gifts or donations. This was a church. This was an outreach programme."

"Whether you believe Jim Bakker was divinely inspired or not, he had a divine inspiration and that was the Heritage Foundation. It was the product of a creative, religious genius. That was Jim Bakker's contribution to the Christian faith he believed in."

While Bakker was in court, his wife Tammy carried on their television broadcast.



A member of the Uhuru African Revolutionary Socialist Party raises his fist in the sign for black power as the casket bearing Newton's body awaits transportation to a local Oakland church Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

MOSCOW: A hermit who lived deep in a forest for 40 years has been discovered near Smolensk in central Russia, a Soviet newspaper reported.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, quoted by the Tass news agency, said Anton Smirnov, 74, took up life on a river bank in the forest because he was "alienated by official policy" toward religious believers. A member of an ascetic branch of the Russian Orthodox Church that split from the main church in the 17th century, Smirnov lived for a time with a fellow believer, who later died.

The report described Smirnov as "a short man with a shaggy gray beard." He "goes barefoot throughout the year and lives in a chimneyless mud hut with only one small dirty window," the account said. "Smirnov eats once a day any food he can find." (AP)

COSTA MESA, California: Sam

Isaac is bringing a touch of merry old England to his southern California neighbourhood.

Remembering a time of

courageous knights and horse-drawn carriages, Gregory said building a castle complete with cast-iron gates, a spiraling staircase, a moat and a drawbridge.

Once finished, the 3,000 square-foot (270 square metre) structure

around Gregory's existing home will contain a living room, master bedroom, study, kitchen, dining room and bathrooms, said Gregory, who has been a general contractor for 25 years.

Already, the masonry and the skeleton of the structure has been completed. And there are two ducks, gifts to Gregory's wife, Rose, swimming in the moat.

Before the last concrete block is placed, Gregory said he expects to

spend \$300,000 — a little more than planned. (AP)

DUBLIN, Ireland: The birthplace of

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw is up for sale, and his admirers are trying to raise money to turn the yellow brick rowhouse into a museum.

Members of the Shaw Birthplace

Museum Trust said Sunday they have

met with financial backers about

buying the eight-room house

where Shaw was born in 1856. He

died in the house until he was 10.

The current owners Aids and

Eugene Gibbs, want 165,000 Irish

pounds (\$227,750) when the house at 33 Syng St in south Dublin is auctioned next month.

"It's about twice what it's worth.

It's in a very bad state of repair," said

trust chairwoman Nora Lever whose

grandfather went to school with

Shaw.

But the owners say the link to

Shaw makes the house worth more'

(AP).

On the road again

Former Beatle Paul McCartney

credits the continual touring of the

Grateful Dead and its leader Jerry

Garcia with inspiring his first tour

since 1976.

"If Jerry can still do it that good,

there's hope for us all," McCartney

said.

The graying McCartney announced

plans for an international con-

cert tour earlier this week.

He will join other middle-aged

rockers on tour this year — The Who,

the Rolling Stones and former Bea-

tes drummer Ringo Starr.

(Reuter wirephoto)

dozens more on foot as about 300 white

residents lined the street.

Many residents watched passively from

windows and storefronts while others walked

along the street waving posters in the air and

chanting, "Go home, Go home."

Some residents shouted, "Free the boys

from Bensonhurst," a reference to five white

youths who have been arrested in the slaying.

Others booted the marchers and chanted

"Central Park, Central Park," referring to the

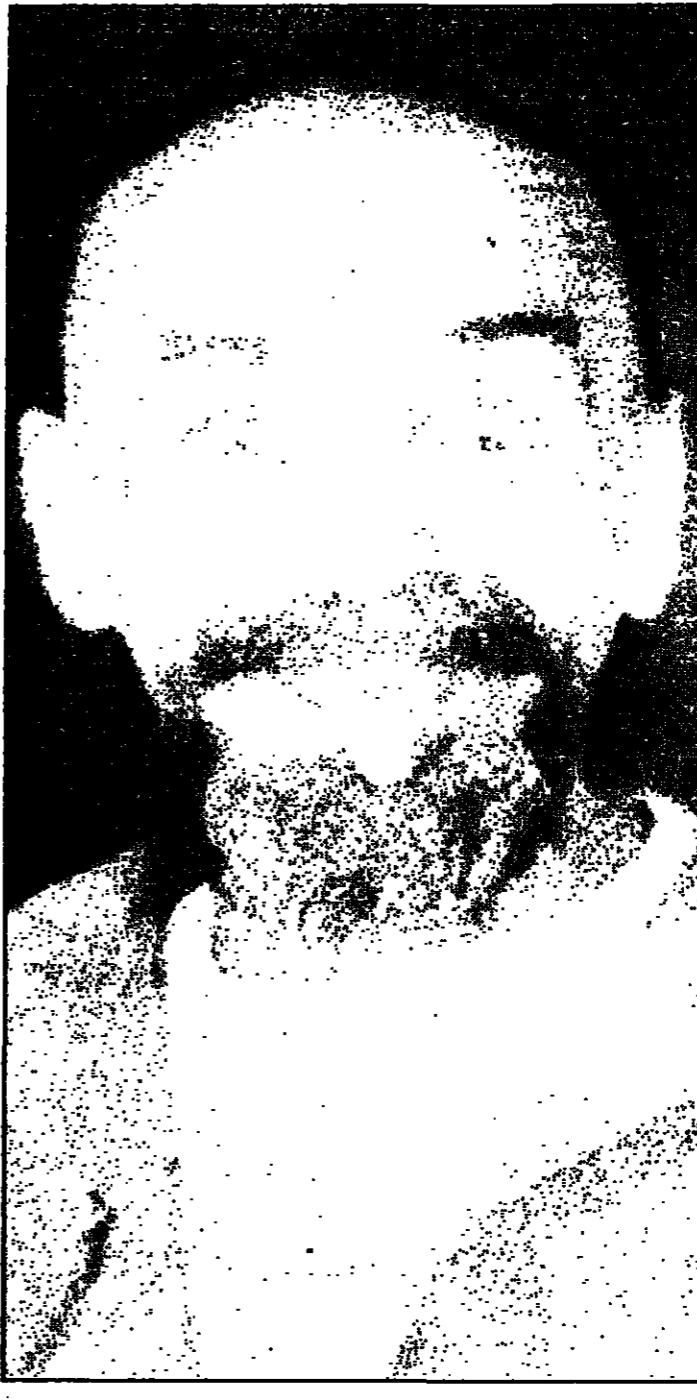
recent rape and beating of a white jogger

there, allegedly by a gang of blacks and Hispanics. Some made obscene gestures.

One man was taken into custody but not immediately charged after a small firecracker was thrown at the demonstrators, said Sgt. Ed Burns, a police spokesman.

The protesters, led by the Rev. Timothy Mitchell, chanted, "Whose city? Our city," as they walked about 10 blocks from the site of the killing through the community's streets.

"New York City is not going to become Johannesburg, South Africa."



Manson clowns around as he is led to his cell after his interview. (Reuter wirephoto)

Black Panther founder mourned

OAKLAND, California, Aug 28. (AP) Thousands of friends and admirers of Huey P. Newton lined up for three blocks outside a funeral home yesterday to pay their respects to the slain founder of the Black Panthers Party.

"This is a terrible tragedy for blacks. He stood for black pride in the '60s and now he stands for the decimation of blacks by crack," said Levoy Johnson, 44, who was among the people waiting quietly to attend the daylong wake.

Jimmy Smith, operator of the Palmer D. Whitted Funeral Home in a rundown section of East Oakland, estimated that 6,000 people filed past Newton's open casket.

Shot

Newton, 47, was shot to death Tuesday in what police said was a dispute over crack cocaine in the drug-ridden West Oakland neighbourhood where he began organizing blacks more than 20 years ago. Out of that work, Newton founded the Panthers with Bobby Seale.

Thousands of people, including fellow radicals from the 1960s and '70s, were expected to attend Newton's funeral today at the Allen Temple Baptist Church. The body was moved there later yesterday.

"He made us have black pride," said longtime friend Norma Corran, 38. "He was a good man destroyed by the badness of drugs."

However, many in line at the funeral home said they didn't believe the police account of Newton's death and blamed it on authorities.

Police

"The police were always after Huey," said Jeffrey Deleong, 28.

Members of the Revolutionary Communist Party handed out leaflets saying "the word in the streets" was that Newton's death was caused by police.

A television cameraman taping interviews with mourners was attacked and injured by a group of men who had warned him earlier that they didn't want their pictures taken, police and KTVU-Channel 2 officials said.

Organisers of the Miss USSR Pageant have threatened to strip her of the title and send another contestant to the Miss World contest if she doesn't knuckle under to their contract demands, the 5-foot 8-inch (172 centimetre), 121-pound (55 kilograms) Moscow woman said.

Powered by 16 locomotives, the train's total mass was 70,857 metric tonnes and was equal in length to 668 trucks. It traveled an average speed of 23 mph (38 kph).

Railway officials said the test on technology of heavy-loaded trains set world records for total mass, length, speed and distance, the South African Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Police said they don't believe the ex-convict's account and insisted that the slaying was an attempt by Robinson to rise in the Black Guerrilla Family, a drug-running, prison-based gang that Newton allegedly opposed.

Investigators say "Tyrone

Robinson, 25, told them he shot Newton in self-defence after Newton, who battled drug and alcohol addictions, pulled a gun on him and demanded crack.

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Newton was found dead in his

cell at San Quentin Prison in 1971.

Arraignment

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British TV satellite blasted into space

Commercial launch hailed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 28. (Agencies): A communications satellite is orbiting earth after being propelled by a privately owned rocket in a launch that opens a new era in the space age for the United States.

"This orbital flight heralds the emergence of the US commercial launch industry," Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said. "This is good news for our economy and for our continued leadership in key areas of space activity."

The 2,700-pound (1,224-kilogramme) *Marcopolo 1* satellite was sent into space yesterday by a three-stage Delta rocket that performed flawlessly during a 27-minute climb into orbit.

The launching was the first in which a privately owned rocket sent a payload into orbit. *Consort 1*, the nation's first licenced commercial spacecraft, released a payload on a suborbital voyage in March.

"Delta 187 has placed the British Satellite Broadcasting satellite in orbit. We wish the spacecraft folks good luck," reported Ray Adams of McDonnell Douglas, which made the \$30 million Delta.

The satellite was sent into an elliptical orbit ranging from

about 100 to 22,300 miles (160 to 35,887 kilometres) high.

"We're nothing but smiles, it couldn't have gone any better," said James Dorenbacher, president of McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co.

Tomorrow, ground controllers are to send a signal to fire an onboard motor to place it in a stationary orbit 22,300 miles (35,887 kilometres) high, parking it over the middle Atlantic Ocean within view of the British Isles.

Marcopolo 1 is the first of two satellites designed to transmit television programmes direct to British homes equipped with 12-inch (30-centimetre) dish antennas, a set-top box and a remote control unit. The equipment will cost about \$450, said Anthony Simonds-Gooding, chief executive officer of British Satellite Broadcasting Ltd, operator of the satellite system.

"With the advent of direct-to-home broadcasting by satellite, there is going to be a huge increase in the number of channels becoming available to the British viewer," he said.

The launch was a milestone in the US commercial space programme that started after the 1986 Challenger explosion. After the space shuttle disaster, then-

president Ronald Reagan told the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to stop launching payloads for commercial customers. Reagan said the job should be done by private industry with unmanned rockets.

"This is not just another launch — it's the beginning of a new industry, a landmark event," said Stephanie Leemiller of the US Department of Transportation, which licences commercial launches. She said 27 additional launches are scheduled through 1993.

Reagan's decision revitalised a US unmanned space rocket programme that was almost dead because of the nation's growing reliance on the manned space shuttle to launch all payloads.

Three major US aerospace companies took on the commercial space programme in earnest, and the McDonnell Douglas Delta was the first to the launch pad. Martin Marietta has scheduled a commercial launch with its Titan rocket later this year, and General Dynamics Atlas is set to make its debut.

All three rockets are upgraded versions of boosters NASA and the Air Force have used for several years.

Erupting ice volcanoes detected

Nitrogen particle-throwing Triton intrigues scientists

PASADENA, California, Aug 28. (AP): Scientists believe *Voyager 2* has detected active ice volcanoes on Neptune's moon Triton, which have blasted nitrogen ice 20 miles (32 kilometres) skyward and spawned ocean-sized floods of frozen lava.

The discovery, announced yesterday following examination of photographs taken by the space probe, would make Triton only the third object in the universe known to have active volcanoes.

"It's one of the most interesting and provocative worlds in the solar system," said Charles Kohlhepp, a Voyager mission scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Triton apparently has three types of volcanoes.

Scientists announced two of them Friday: huge inactive crater-shaped volcanoes, called calderas, filled with lava made of ice instead of molten rocks; and long fault-line valleys filled with oozing ice, a process likened to toothpaste coming out of a tube slit with a razor blade.

Triton's biggest surprise came yesterday, when US geological survey geologist Laurence Soderblom announced that a third kind of volcanic activity apparently had been identified on the frosty moon.

The latest recorded photographs sent by Voyager reveal what look like active ice volcanoes that erupt explosively, spewing nitrogen ice particles and gas 12-20 miles (20-32 kilometres) high.

"The stuff comes shooting up like gas out of a gun barrel," said University of Arizona planetary scientists Bradford Smith, leader of Voyager's photographic imaging team.

Although Soderblom cautioned that the volcanic theory could turn out to be a "crazy idea," other scientists have expressed their support of the theory.

"It sounds like a very reasonable hypothesis," said Voyager project scientist Edward Stone.

The spacecraft made its closest approach to Neptune on Thursday night when it skimmed about 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometres) over the planet's north pole cloudtops.

Rejoice

Early Friday, it zoomed about 24,000 miles (38,600 kilometres) past Triton. Since then, it has been sending back recorded photos that revealed Triton's volcanic activity.

Voyager has discovered six moons orbiting Neptune in addition to Triton and Nereid, which were discovered from Earth. It also found five rings of debris orbiting the planet, including two broad bands of dust.

By 9 pm today (0400 GMT tomorrow), Voyager will be 2.76 billion miles (4.4 billion kilometres) from Earth and 3.65 million miles (5.8 million kilometres) from Neptune.

The probe is speeding toward interstellar space at 37,500 miles (60,500 kilometres) per hour.

As the craft sped toward the ill-defined boundary of the solar system, about 1,500 mission scientists, engineers and their families celebrated at a bash that featured rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry singing "Go, Voyager, Go" — a slightly modified version of his classic "Johnny B. Goode."

A recording of that song and other Earth sounds were among the cultural and historical items aboard Voyager.

Soderblom compared the new type of ice volcanoes to sulphur-spewing volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io. But he said the volcanoes on Triton are produced when liquid nitrogen in underground pools rises to the surface, where reduced pressure means "it's got to explode and will shower ice particles and gas."

Based on dark-coloured, plume-shaped deposits that stretch up to 50 miles (80 kilometres) downwind from the volcanoes, Soderblom estimated the eruptions eject frosty debris at scores of miles (kilometres) per hour, perhaps faster.

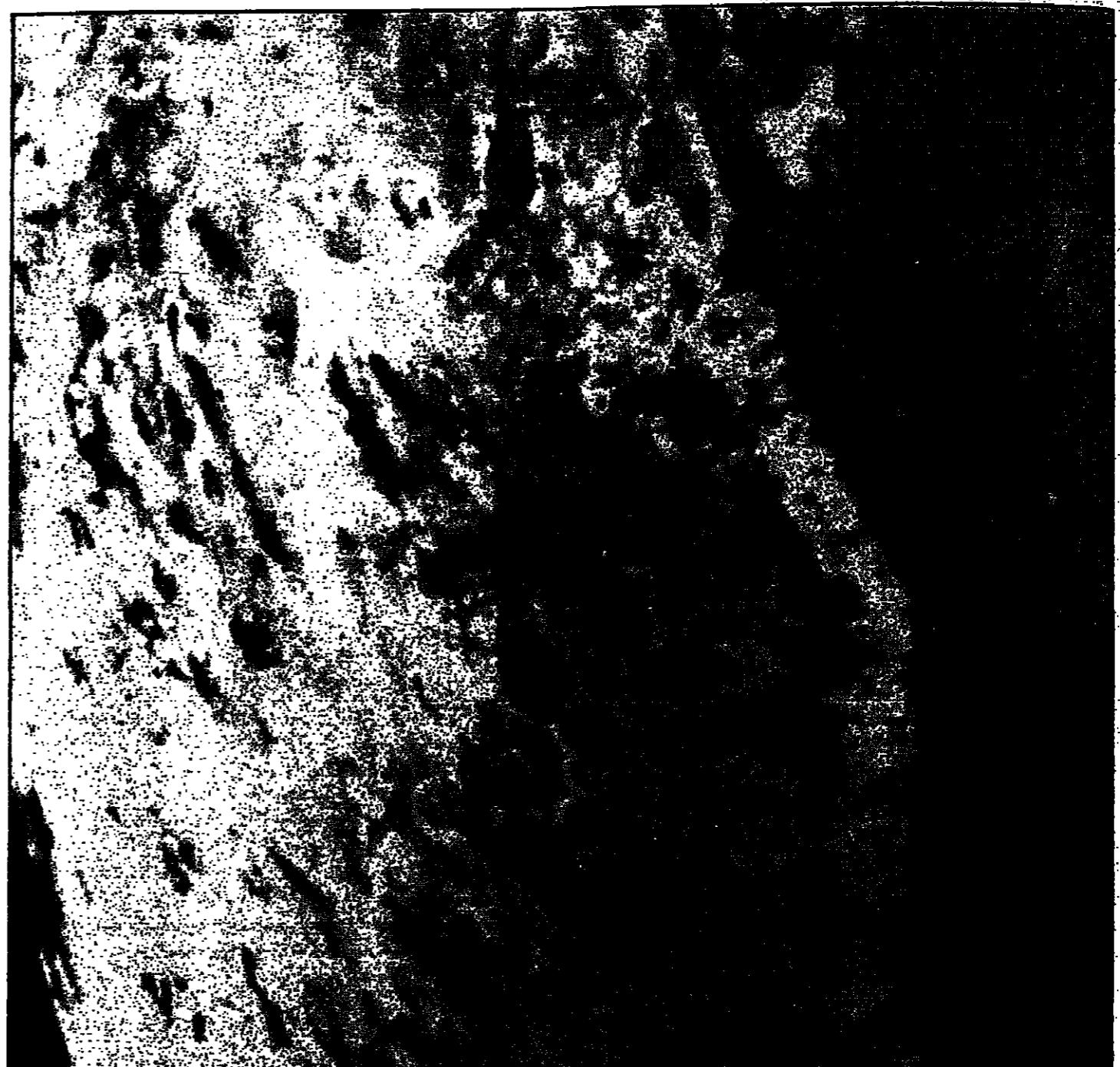
Smith said the deposits apparently contain radiation-darkened ices that fell to the surface after being carried skyward by the blast.

Soviets launch
Cosmos-2037

MOSCOW, Aug 28. (KUNA): The Soviet Union today launched an Earth satellite of the *Cosmos* series using a cyclone booster rocket.

The satellite, *Cosmos-2037*, is carrying scientific equipment intended for the continuation of the study of outer space, Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The on-board equipment is functioning normally, Tass said.



This photo of Triton taken by Voyager 2 reveals about 50 dark plumes of wind streaks on the icy surface. (Reuter wirephoto)



A detailed view of the surface of Triton shows most of the area covered by roughly circular depressions separated by rugged ridges. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bag snatchers held

NEAPOLIS, Greece, Aug 28. (UPI): A five-member Greek island bag snatching gang from London languished in a high security prison in this town on the island of Crete apparently too broke to buy off their sentences, said a prison official today.

The three men and two women were found guilty of bag snatching, theft and forming a gang over a two-month period and were sentenced on Friday by a court at Ayios Nikolaos, near here, to prison terms ranging from 13 to 16 months.

"All five have the right to buy off their sentences at 650 drachmas (\$4) a day, but they are so broke I doubt if they can meet the costs," said a Neapolis prison official by telephone who asked for anonymity.

Dike breaks

KIEL, West Germany, Aug 28. (AP): High winds and torrential rains flooded Baltic Sea areas of Schleswig-Holstein state over the weekend and sent water crashing through a dike, authorities reported today.

No injuries were reported from the storms, but streets in port cities of the northern state were flooded and school was cancelled.

Police evacuated residents of a nursing home and a village near Hohenfelde after the dike along the Baltic broke last night under the force of the wind-driven waves.

The military police fired shots but nobody was hit, the Portuguese news agency Lusa said.

According to the agency, the fighting broke out after some paratroopers began insulting the military police officers.

Baker sued

WASHINGTON, Aug 28. (UPI): The organization representing the Foreign Service officials announced this week it is suing Secretary of State James Baker to force him to disclose the qualifications of political nominees to several diplomatic posts.

At issue in the suit brought by the American Foreign Service Association, which represents Foreign Service officers in their dealings with the State Department, is the so-called "certificate of competence" that tell the Senate how political appointees are qualified for their posts.

Fire evacuation

HELSINKI, Aug 28. (UPI): Five Soviet train wagons carrying flammable toxic liquids caught fire early yesterday in a small Finnish town, releasing toxic gases into the air, fire authorities said.

The fire took place at the small Finnish harbour town of Hamina, 147 km (90 miles) east of the capital Helsinki.

A fire brigade spokesman said the blaze had been put out by last evening. No-one was hurt in the accident but 200 nearby residents, Hamina harbour and two factories were evacuated, the spokesman said.

Leader acquitted

SAN JUAN, Aug 28. (UPI): A 12-member jury has acquitted the self-proclaimed leader of an armed, clandestine group seeking Puerto Rican independence from the United States on eight charges of firing on FBI agents.

Judicial authorities are still holding Alberto Ojeda Rio, 35, under custody in Puerto Rico pending other charges in the federal court of Hartford, Connecticut, where he has been charged of involvement of the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery in 1983. The Hartford Court has tried five of 12 suspects in the robbery.

The military police fired shots but nobody was hit, the Portuguese news agency Lusa said.

After more than four hours of deliberation in Puerto Rico's federal district court, the jury of six men and six women announced their verdict late Saturday, clearing Ojeda of all the charges, authorities said.

Norway poll

OSLO, Norway, Aug 28. (AP): Disarray in the opposition could leave Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland in power even if her socialist Labour Party loses in next month's national elections, a leading opponent said today.

Carl I. Hagen, chairman of the Party of Progress, said at a press conference yesterday that "the non-socialist parties can't even agree on who their candidate for prime minister should be" with just two weeks to go before the Sept 11 ballot.

"We non-socialists must show responsibility if we can't offer a workable alternative," said Hagen. Labour would have to rule until the opposition agreed on an alternative, he added.

Plane crash kills 6

NAIROBI, Kenya, Aug 28. (AP): A small, twin-engine plane crashed in a game park in southeastern Kenya, killing six tourists and their Kenyan pilot, authorities said today.

The 10-seat plane, which took off from the coastal city of Mombasa, crashed yesterday in Taita West National Park en route to the neighbouring Amboseli Game Park, said Martin Kaua, manager of Private Safaris (EA) Ltd.

Private safaris organised the flight.

The cause of the accident was not immediately known, but Kaua said Kenya's Civil Aviation director had gone to the crash site to investigate.

The identities of the victims were not immediately available.

Public hearing

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (AP): Survivors of the Nazi holocaust opened a public hearing yesterday to challenge experts' findings that the sadistic war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele drowned in Brazil in 1979.

The three-day hearing before a 10-member tribunal at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial is focusing on claims of Mengele being spotted recently in places ranging from an island off the Portuguese coast to a dental clinic in São Paulo, Brazil.

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Banks blown up in Colombia

Traffickers escalate war

BOGOTA, Aug 28, (AP): Police in the city of Medellin have stepped up patrols after bombs damaged 10 banks, and news reports said the justice minister directing a crackdown on drugs has fled to the United States in fear of her life.

The domestic news reports also said yesterday that an appeals court revoked an arrest order accusing a drug kingpin of ordering two assassinations.

The bombings early yesterday in Medellin, Colombia's second-largest city, caused extensive damage to 10 branches of Banco Cafetero, Banco de Colombia and Banco del Estado, authorities said.

A police spokesman, who declined further identification, said a young man was killed, apparently while planting one of the bombs.

The spokesman said police patrols in Medellin, 215 miles (345 kilometers) north of Bogota, were tightened to prevent any new attacks. He said extra police units had been stationed throughout Medellin to protect private and public buildings.

The city is the base for the Medellin cartel, which is the world's biggest drug cartel and reportedly responsible for 80 per cent of the cocaine smuggled to the United States.

Colombian Justice Minister Monica de Greiff has apparently not resigned and is in Washington discussing US support for a crackdown on Colombia's drug trade, the White House said today.

Colombia's President Virgilio Barco earlier denied reports that de Greiff, who is in the forefront of the fight against narcotics trafficking, had resigned because of death threats from drug cartels.

Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, a predecessor of de Greiff, was killed by assassins hired by the drug lords in 1984.

Last week, the traffickers declared war on the government after it began a crackdown in response to the assassinations of a magistrate, a police colonel and Sen. Galan over a 48-hour period.

De Greiff has travelled to Washington on Friday where she was scheduled to confer with US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk told reporters at President George Bush's vacation retreat that de Greiff "is presently in Washington and she will be meeting with various officials... she will be discussing such issues as the extradition process."

Popadiuk said President Barco had assured Bush there was no truth to news reports that de Greiff had decided to quit because of death threats against herself and her family.

De Greiff is aged 32 and has a three-year-old son.

Some Colombian news organisations reported yesterday that de Greiff, who has been in the justice post only since July 17, planned to resign.

There had been speculation her trip to the United States to co-ordinate US support for Colombia's drug crackdown would turn into an effort to seek a safe haven in Washington.

Her sudden departure would have dealt a severe psychological blow to Barco's efforts to mount an effective war against his nation's drug underworld despite intimidation that has included the murder of public officials.

Popadiuk said the US embassy in Bogota had been told that de Greiff had not quit and would be pursuing her official mission in Washington.

The newspaper El Tiempo reported yesterday that a court has struck down an arrest order for Medellin cartel boss Pablo Escobar. The order accused Escobar of ordering the massacre of peasants at two ranches by rightwing death squads.

Israel Army Radio reported today that Israeli military trainers may have been working for rival drug cartels in a battle for control of the Colombian cocaine trade.

Ron Ben-Yishai, military commentator for Yedioth Ahronot newspaper, told the radio two Israelis were arrested last June by officers of the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and were found to be carrying weapons, explosives and two piloted aircraft.

Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh says he expects the first alleged Colombian drug figure to be extradited to the United States this week.

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Government officials say they are discussing various options to run the country from



De Greiff in an undated file photo

US may call anti-drug summit

Covert action eyed

NEW YORK, Aug 28, (Agencies): The United States is considering "low intensity" covert actions on drug targets in Colombia and intends calling a summit of Andean nations to co-ordinate strategy in the war on cocaine, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

Newsweek, citing unnamed US government sources, said among the options being considered to support Colombia in its renewed war on drug kingpins were intercepts of drug planes by the US Navy and surgical strikes by commandos against drug-producing plants and to kidnap leaders of the drug cartels.

But Newsweek said neither Washington nor Bogota want US ground troops deployed.

While no details were given about the drug summit, it would presumably include Colombia, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador, the leading cocaine producing nations in the region.

A US State Department spokesman was not immediately available to comment on the Newsweek reports.

Bush on Friday announced a \$63 million emergency programme to help Colombia fight its drug war, including sending 21 military helicopters and about 12 military advisers.

US Drug Policy Chief William Bennett, speaking on US television yesterday, insisted the advisers would not have a combat role.

"We will not be sending American military people or the advisers who will go down to help Colombians with our equipment into combat situations. They will avoid combat situations, they will avoid situations of conflict as best they can," he said.

The same issue of Newsweek also included a poll showing a 53 per cent majority of Americans were willing to send US troops to Colombia or other major drug exporting centres to help fight or arrest drug traffickers. But two-thirds of those polled by Newsweek magazine said they believed drug cartels would retaliate with increased violence against Americans if more traffickers were extradited to the United States.

■ Spanish police ended a 48-hour Mediterranean Coast crackdown on small-time drug pushers and criminals early yesterday, saying they had arrested more than 400 suspects and seized drugs, guns, jewellery and cars.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonia region in the northeast to Andalucia region in the south, including the Andalucian "Costa del Sol," Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Venezuelan cabinet sworn in

Anti-Noriega policy stays

CARACAS, Aug 28, (AP): Venezuela will continue its hardline stance against Panamanian强人Manuel Noriega, Venezuela's new foreign minister said yesterday.

Reinaldo Figueroa made the comment after President Carlos Andres Perez swore in seven new ministers yesterday as part of his first cabinet reshuffle.

"We will spare no efforts in the coming days... so that Panama finds its own way out and becomes once again a great nation," Figueroa said.

Figueroa, who went to the Foreign Ministry from the secretariat (presidential chief of staff), replaces Enrique Tejera Paris.

Perez praised the outgoing ministers, but said that cabinet changes were usual after six months in power. This is the first cabinet reshuffle since Perez was inaugurated on Feb 2.

Besides the new foreign minister, there were changes in the secretariat, agriculture, transport and communications, health, family, and labour ministries. The cabinet resigned en masse on Friday.

Filipino Army not so competent

Rightists remain a threat: senator

MANILA, Aug 28, (UPI): Right-wing elements in the armed forces remain a threat to President Corazon Aquino two years after a bloody coup attempt nearly toppled her government, an outspoken Filipino senator said today.

Senator Ernesto Maceida, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, said in an interview with United Press International the 159,000-member military is still struggling to rise above incompetence and corruption while battling extremists on the left and the right.

Army Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan mounted an uprising on Aug 28, 1987, that left 53 people dead and more than 300 wounded. The mutiny, which nearly

caused Aquino's ouster, was the fifth since she took power in a popularly backed military revolt in 1986.

The 41-year-old Honasan, captured in November 1987, escaped from a prison ship in Manila Bay four months later and still is at large.

Of the 1,988 officers and soldiers who joined the failed coup, nine have been convicted and 300 are facing court martial. The rest have been acquitted or had their cases dropped.

Manila's newspaper, today quoting national police intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Gerardo Flores, said Honasan eluded agents who raided two suspected hideouts Friday in the suburban towns of

Pasig and Kalookan.

Aquino's National security director, retired Gen. Rafael Ileto, recently told the Senate Defence Committee that the military is the source of concern, Maceida said.

"There are 12 areas (national security officials) are looking at and one of these areas is still the threat within the military establishment," Maceida said.

Maceida, a member of the ruling coalition, said he shares Ileto's view.

Maceida said the military leadership has not made up its mind on whether to give priority to Honasan's capture or to battling the 23,000-member communist New People's Army, which has been battling the government for 20 years.

ted, he said.

Maceida cited the substantial increase in salary Aquino granted to military personnel early in 1988.

But "there is some basis" to the claim that some generals are "coddling" Honasan, Maceida said. Rodolfo Canieso, head of the civilian national intelligence centre and former army commander, made the claim in testimony to the Senate Defence committee.

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Peace plan tabled

De Klerk, Kaunda discuss apartheid

LIVINGSTONE, Zambia, Aug 28, (AP): South African leader F.W. de Klerk outlined a plan to resolve his country's racial conflict and received a guarded endorsement today from Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, one of South Africa's harshest critics for the past 25 years.

De Klerk and Kaunda covered a range of pressing regional issues during two hours of talks at a hotel in Livingstone, a tourist town in southern Zambia near Victoria Falls.

"I had the opportunity to give a positive vision of the future in which South Africa is going to break out of the cycle of conflict," de Klerk said at a brief news conference after the talks. "We are going through with negotiations and dialogue."

Asked about de Klerk's vision of a future South Africa, Kaunda said: "There are certain democratic principles which he says he intends to implement. About those I see no disagreement at all."

Both leaders declined to be more specific.

De Klerk's trip was seen as a major step toward improving South Africa's relations with its black neighbours.

Kaunda, one of Africa's elder statesmen, has been a leading anti-apartheid critic since he led Zambia to independence from Britain in 1964. He also allows the African National Congress, which wages a guerrilla campaign against South Africa's white-led government, to maintain their headquarters in the Zambian capital of Lusaka.

The two leaders gave no clear indication that they specifically discussed the ANC.

De Klerk has said the ANC must renounce violence before it could be included in any negotiations. The ANC, in turn, has said de Klerk's government must lift all restrictions on political activity, free political prisoners and end the state of emergency imposed in South Africa before any peace talks can begin.

Kaunda has said he wants the ANC and the South African government to negotiate. But he said in his talks with de Klerk that he "wasn't speaking for the ANC."

De Klerk and Kaunda discussed the crumbling effort to end Angola's 14-year civil war and the independence process in Namibia, the territory South Africa has ruled for 74 years.

In Angola, the UNITA rebels called off a fragile two-month-old truce last week, saying

Kaunda and other African leaders had misinterpreted a June 22 peace agreement reached in Zaire.

However, UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi met with de Klerk in South Africa on Sunday and issued a conciliatory statement.



A doctor treats a 16-year-old youth who received birdshot wounds in the Cape Town township of Bonteheuwel. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pupils protest

Six blacks killed

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28, (Agencies): South African police tear-gassed hundreds of black pupils today after a protest march against racially segregated schools, witnesses said.

They said pupils and teachers marched towards a prestige whites-only school in Queenstown, near the Indian Ocean city of east London, as part of a nationwide defiance campaign against Pretoria's race laws.

Police stopped the march but allowed a small delegation into the school. Tear-gas was fired as marchers dispersed.

Six blacks have been slain in recent attacks near Pietermaritzburg, a southeastern city where black factional fighting was claimed nearly 2,000 lives in three years, police said today.

Three men were fatally shot in the Imbali township, police said, including two who were leaving a peace rally held by a youth group.

In the nearby Mptomalanga township, police found two charred bodies and also reported a man shot dead in a clash between two unidentified groups.

Clashes between anti-apartheid campaigners and police have escalated during the month-old campaign as South Africa gears up for next week's general election excluding blacks.

Demonstrators in the Cape Town area have clashed almost daily with police armed with tear-gas, rubber bullets and whips, in the biggest upsurge of black anger since South Africa's townships exploded into violence in the mid-1980s.

Anti-apartheid leaders have urged campaigners to take only non-violent action.

In Pretoria, black people trying to board white-only buses today were foiled when drivers closed automatic doors or refused to stop. Organisers said only two non-white passengers, both ethnic Indians, managed to board.

They said intimidators fired shots and lobbed a petrol bomb at activists' homes last night, but no one was hurt.

One campaign organiser, cleric Ivor Jenkins, received death threats from a man claiming to represent a shadowy extreme-rightist group called the White Wolves.

Police said they were investigating the incidents.

In Johannesburg, leading anti-apartheid cleric Beyers Naudé called for United States pressure on Pretoria to lift curbs on hundreds of activists.

Cambodia talks in shambles

Last-ditch effort by France

PARIS, Aug 28, (Reuter): France was due to convene a last-ditch round of international peace talks on Cambodia today but weary negotiators said only a diplomatic miracle could prevent worse fighting in the Southeast Asian nation.

Diplomats from 19 participating nations said the demands of the main protagonists — the pro-Vietnamese government and the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge — appeared intractable.

The Khmer Rouge's non-communist allies showed signs of disarray after the coalition head, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, resigned yesterday without explanation as chief of his own faction.

In contrast to its stirring July 30 debut, when foreign ministers from major powers pleaded for peace in a country suffering from nearly two decades of conflict, the conference finale will take place amid a sense of desperation.



Sihanouk

"Only a miracle can save these talks, they're a shambles," a Western envoy said.

A senior French diplomat said this week's round, which ends on Wednesday, would attack "the heart of the problem" — how to set up an interim government of guerrillas and pro-Hanoi leaders until eight million Cambodians can vote in elections.

"It will probably take another dry season (October-May) of fighting to restore some reality to the Cambodians and get them back to negotiating," one Western diplomat said.

Both sides have rejected each other's ceasefire proposals during the talks. Diplomats said supporters of the opposing sides have for months been beefing up their proxies and fighting will intensify if the talks fail.

Three people fell into a flooded river in Saitama and Tokushima and were listed as missing.

In Ehime, western Japan, three members of a family were injured by a landslide that hit their house.

The torrential rains caused at least 85 landslides, and submerged more than 120 roads and railroad lines in western and northern Japan yesterday, police said.

The storm headed for Okhotsk in the Soviet Union today.

Roger kills 3

Iranian papers predict approval of cabinet

MANAMA, Aug. 28. (UPI): Iran's Parliament postponed to debate today President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet, and newspapers in Tehran predicted his ministers would be approved.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said several lawmakers "pledged to vote for the entire cabinet but most had reservations about one or more ministers." The agency said speakers veered

away from key ministries in the debate, scheduled to end late tomorrow when deputies will vote in secret ballot on each individual member of the 22-member cabinet.

Rafsanjani submitted his cabinet list last week, but caused the anger of a slim majority of radical deputies when he dropped a leading anti-Western hardliner, outgoing Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami.

The deputies signed a letter asking Rafsanjani to reinstate Mohtashami, but the president, elected to office last month in a landslide victory, refused to do so.

Surprisingly, the candidate to succeed Mohtashami, Abdallah Nouri, was highly praised as "a sharp, witty planner," according to IRNA.

Rafsanjani appeared today to have won a major battle in Parliament,

where most deputies reportedly backed retaining his main ally, Ali Akbar Velayati, as foreign minister.

But three other key appointments to Rafsanjani's 22-member cabinet were sharply criticised, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The designated Minister of Education, Mohammad Ali Nafaji, a 38-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate appeared to be the

least popular of Rafsanjani's proposed candidates, possibly because of his educational background.

The candidate for intelligence minister, Ali Fallahian, who succeeds the radical Reyshehri, also was criticised.

IRNA also said Abdolhussein Vahabi, nominated for commerce minister, was blamed for much of the ministry's present problems.

At least one deputy also criticised

proposed Information Minister Ali Fallahian, saying he lacked the necessary planning ability to take over the job.

■ An Iranian parliamentarian today said his country has opted to boycott an international parliamentarian conference scheduled shortly in London due to Britain's stance on the Indian-born British author Salman Rushdie's controversial book.

Couple held

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 28. (AP): Customs officials stopped a travelling British man and his wife yesterday after finding a solid gold belt worth around \$46,000 with them, a police source said.

The source said that Bahgat Saeed Al Murbab, a naturalized Briton of Libyan origin, and his Brazilian wife Olia, were going through a security check at Cairo International Airport before flying to London when the belt was found in a handbag they were carrying.

Smugglers killed

NICOSIA, Aug. 28. (Reuters): Iranian agents killed five drug smugglers in three night-time clashes in mountains of northeastern Iran, Tehran Radio said today.

It quoted a senior anti-narcotics official as saying police also smashed five drug rings, operations in various provinces and seized a total of 1,670 kg (3,670 pounds) of drugs.

Envoy to Egypt

CAIRO, Aug. 28. (Reuters): Senegal and Mauritania, where racial rivalries nearly erupted into war in April, are sending envoys to Egypt this week ahead of a mediation effort.

Foreign Ministry sources said Mauritanian Industry Minister Ahmed Ould Khalifa Ould Jiddou delivered a message to Mubarak today on the conflict and Senegalese envoy Mambo Guirass will be due to deliver a message tomorrow.

Call for ban

LONDON, Aug. 28. (KUNA): British Muslims have called for the banning of a new poem by the controversial author, Salman Rushdie, published in the latest issue of a literary magazine here.

It was written after he went into hiding when threatened with death by Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran over his novel *The Satanic Verses* which was seen as insulting to Muslims.

Navy seeks

LONDON, Aug. 28. (KUNA): The Egyptian Navy was seeking to replace its fleet of Soviet-type Romeo submarines with boats from the British Oberon class, when they begin to leave service next year, according to a report here today.

Quoting "sources", the Daily Telegraph newspaper said that Egypt was willing to pay up to 20 million pounds per boat and that the deal, including refitting work to be carried out in British yards, would be worth 200 million pounds for six boats.

Arab meeting

BELGRADE, Aug. 28. (KUNA): A number of Arab leaders are currently conducting intensive consultations to hold an Arab summit on the sidelines of the non-aligned countries' summit conference due to open here Monday, diplomatic sources said here today.

The sources, who asked to remain anonymous, indicated that participation of Arab leaders such as HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordanian King Hussein, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and others will foster the idea of convening of such an Arab high-level meeting.

Wakil in Belgrade

KABUL, Afghanistan, Aug. 28. (AP): Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil flew to Belgrade, Yugoslavia yesterday in advance of a non-aligned summit he said would probably support a political settlement to Afghanistan's civil war.

He predicted that the summit's resolution would back his government's call for a negotiated settlement to the 11-year war and respect for the Geneva accords, which bars interference in any nation's internal affairs.

Compromise plan

PARIS, Aug. 28. (Reuters): The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today shelved its bid for full membership of the 106-nation World Tourism Body as a compromise plan being thrashed out may result in a minor diplomatic victory.

Diplomats at the general assembly of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) said the self-declared state of Palestine was likely to be offered some form of association despite opposition from the United States and Israel.

Iranian red slain

LARNACA, Aug. 28. (API): An Iranian shot dead in this resort town over the weekend was identified as a prominent anti-government communist living abroad, the outlawed Kurdish Communist Party said.

The party, Komala, said that Bahman Javadi, 33, arrived in Larnaca from Sweden, where he had been living for the past eight years, to meet his mother and sister, six days before he was killed.

A message telexed to the Associated Press in Nicosia from Sweden and signed by Saeed Vatandoost, the Komala representative abroad, described Javadi as an activist of the outlawed Iranian Communist Party.

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The government has said that 23 people died in three days of anti-government demonstrations which erupted in Mogadishu on July 14. But international human rights groups and journalists who visited Somalia shortly after the riots say at least 400 were killed by the security forces and more than 1,000 arrested.

Two reporters for the French media who visited Mogadishu as tourists said 46 of those detained were shot on a beach near Mogadishu on the night of July 17-18.

Saeed Barre said yesterday that although a midnight to 5 am curfew was still in force in Mogadishu, the situation in the country was back to normal.



In mourning

A Shiite Muslim militant cries during the funeral of his brother Monday in Beirut. He was killed during an Israeli air raid on South Lebanon Sunday. Eight

other members of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement were killed and at least 25 others were wounded. (Reuter wirephoto)

GCC calls for Lebanon peace

Ministers meet in Jeddah

RIYADH, Aug. 28. (Agencies): Gulf Co-operation Council foreign ministers today called for a permanent ceasefire in Lebanon as well as direct Iran-Iraq peace talks.

They also praised the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We appeal to all the parties concerned with the conflict in Lebanon's bloody tragedy to respond to the voice of reason and to the efforts of the supreme tripartite committee," said the conference chairman, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al

The three-member committee, consisting of King Hassan II of Morocco and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria was set to open Arab summit in May to find a comprehensive settlement based on national reconciliation, to end the 14-year-old Lebanon civil war.

Daily artillery clashes between Christian Army, Commander Gen. Michel Aoun's troops and Syrian forces allied with Muslim militants have killed almost 800 people and wounded more than 2,000 since March 8.

Sheikh Mohammed said the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories had "managed to foil all peace attempts that do not lead to an independent Palestinian state."

He also called for "intensive international efforts to pressure Iran and Iraq into direct peace negotiations leading to formal peace" and "to end the 14-year-old war, but peace talks held under international auspices have deadlocked."

Lebanon, the Palestinian problem and the stalled Gulf peace talks were the three major political items on the ministers' agenda.

At the end of the first session Sheikh Mohammed told reporters that GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara reported on the alliance's activities in various fields.

Mohtashemi blamed

America names spoiler'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. (KUNA): The Bush administration believes a leading Iranian cleric and former ambassador to Syria, Hojatoleslam Mohtashemi, is a leading proponent of international terrorism against the West, US officials said.

They added he is treated by colleagues as a "belligerent" of how moderate Iran will become.

One State Department official, after noting Mohtashemi was ousted from his interior ministry post last week by Iran's new President Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, said: "As far as the vision of an Iran the West can deal with, he's the spoiler. He vehemently opposes any Western aid in the post-war reconstruction. That's a belligerent."

The Palestinian deaths reported today included 21-year-old Bassel Khalid Suleiman of the village of Beit Safafa in Jerusalem and 20-year-old Ali Mahmoud Shabani from the Jabbaliya refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Suleiman was wounded when police opened fire on masked youths who blocked a main road in Beirut Safafa last night and pelted police with stones, said Jerusalem police spokesman Uzi Sandor.

Doctors at Mukassed Hospital in Arab East Jerusalem said he died later of two plastic bullet wounds to the chest.

2 die; strike in W. Bank

Arabs want UN debate in Geneva

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (Agencies): Two Palestinians died today of gunshot wounds suffered in clashes with Israeli forces, and Arabs launched a general strike in three West Bank cities to protest deportations of five activists a day earlier.

Shaban died in Israel's Tel Hashomer Hospital of wounds suffered on Friday, the Army officials reported.

Also today, 60-year-old Rajeh Al-Kassis died of injuries suffered three days earlier when he was beaten by masked youths who accused him of collaborating with Israeli authorities, Arab reports said.

The Army confirmed the death in the West Bank town of Nablus and said police were investigating.

In Abu Dhabi PLO officials said Arafat was still considering whether to apply for a visa. The UN General Assembly voted to move its deliberations to its European headquarters in Geneva after Washington turned down a similar request last year.

"It is Arafat's right to address the General Assembly," Arab League UN representative Clovis Magsoud told the semi-official UAE newspaper Al Ittihad.

The previous Sudanese government led by Sadeq Al Mahdi, overthrown in a bloodless Army coup led by Bashir on June 30, maintained close relations with Baghdad.

Mahdi sent Sudanese troops to Iraq to fight the Iranians during the eight-year Gulf war.

Sudan recalled its ambassador to Tehran Sunday in protest against a programme on Iran's state-controlled television network that allegedly defamed the Sudanese Army.

Iraq supported Bashir's seizure of power, but it has rejected a Sudanese request to join the four-member Arab Co-operation Council, which groups Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen in a military and economic alliance.

Diplomats said Sudan had asked to join the ACC, which was formed in February, but Iraq vetoed that, saying Sudan had too many internal problems.

Bashir was expected to ask for more Iraqi military and economic aid during his three-day visit. Iraq provided weapons to Mahdi to help him fight the southern rebellion.

Bashir's visit to Iraq is his fourth trip abroad since he seized power. He has also been to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Libya.

■ Sudan yesterday extended by one month a unilateral ceasefire in the civil war with rebels in the south, state radio Omdurman said.

■ Sudanese rebel leader John Garang held talks with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni today, official Radio Uganda reported.

Bashir in Iraq for talks on ME

BAGHDAD, Aug. 28. (Agencies):

Sudan's new military leader, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, arrived today for talks with President Saddam Hussein on the Lebanese crisis, bilateral relations and Arab issues, Sudanese embassy

zealous today buried the victims of Israel's deadliest air raid this year in funeral ceremonies staged around South Lebanon.

Hezbollah, Iran's main ally in Lebanon, said nine people were killed and 27 wounded in the six-minute air strike on a party base in the southern village of Ain Abu Sua.

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of thieves had their hands chopped off and adulterers were stoned. Repeat of the laws, largely dormant for more than four years, is a key SPLA demand to end the war.

The SPLA is fighting to end what it calls domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by the Arabised Muslim majority in the north.

The first direct peace talks between the junta and the SPLA in Addis Ababa this month, broke up over the question of sharia.

Radio Omdurman quoted Bashir as saying his government was working on a draft peace plan with the SPLA which would recognise cultural and development discrepancies in Sudan.

one of the victims of the criminal war our beloved homeland Lebanon is living through," the statement said.

"The organisation also emphasises that it will arrange a reception for the Pope of Rome similar to our reception of the Israeli invaders, and the forces of former US President Ronald Reagan and the 'loving mother' (France) in 1982 and 1983," it said.

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Special programme for outstanding students

New scholastic year soon

THE assistant under secretary of the Ministry of Education for Planning Affairs Dr Rasheed Al Hamad has said that special attention is being provided to outstanding students. A special programme developed for these students will start from the beginning of the new year. The higher committee chaired by the Education Minister was set up to take care of outstanding students. There is also a special office for the same purpose. The ministry is now

writing support text books for Arabic, maths and science subjects specifically developed exclusively for use by exceptional students to enhance their knowledge. These books will be ready during this year.

Text books

Meanwhile, Dr Hamad pointed out that the Education Ministry will distribute text books to pupils in time. The ministry has set up specialised committees to receive

and prepare for the new scholastic year. The construction department is working with speed to air-condition primary schools and kindergartens. These schools will be air-conditioned from the beginning of this scholastic year.

The ministry is still studying a proposal to distribute text books to pupils through the co-operative societies, libraries, and the local news paper offices. But he added that the ministry has still not finalised

details of this proposal. The ministry has succeeded in developing many of the text books at primary schools in co-operation with the GCC states. These books are specialised for Arabic, Islamic studies, maths and science. The ministry has many plans and projects to use new educational systems and to develop the curricula, school buildings and the new course system in the coming five year plan, the official said.

Degradable film perks up conservatory produce yield

DR Shawqi Lahaleh, a researcher at the Petroleum and Petrochemical Division at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) has said that the experimental use of superplasticisers in greenhouse agriculture has yielded excellent results and proven the efficiency of this technique in increasing crop yield, such as tomatoes, eggplants, beans, corn and cucumber.

He said in the course of a lecture held at KISR recently under the title "Development of Agricultural Superplasticisers Containing Slowly-decomposing Nutrients, that the crop yield had increased from 30 to 100 per cent with use of superplasticisers developed at KISR compared with the yield obtained after the use of ordinary commercial ones.

Film

Lahaleh said that KISR's US patented agricultural slow degradable mulching film had three main characteristics, since it contained nutrients, could be designed for use as required, and guaranteed to yield encouraging results according to suitable time schedule commensurate with the plant growth rate.

He pointed out that the KISR-developed mulching film (superplasticising mulch) exhibited high-performance mechanical properties that far competed with similar commercially available mulches, and that it provided a homogenous film with only 5 to 10 per cent sun permeability, prevented the growth of weed, acted as an efficient soil-stabiliser, contained no toxic elements, retained soil moisture and provided a good anti-weather agricultural technique.



Arsenists arrested

Ahmad security men arrested three young men for setting fire to a private house in Wafra area. Hussain H. Iraqi, Yahya A. and Bashar M. both Syrians lobbed a petrol bomb on a house owned by Jaber A. They admitted during investigations that they aimed to distract the attention of residents in the area to be able to rob their houses. All the three men were referred to concerned authorities for further investigation.

Commerce report

Economy improving since '86

THE 1988 annual report of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has shown that the national economy began improving during the last two years. The report added that activities of local banks and the construction sector attest to this improvement.

Activities of local banks to finance Kuwaiti imports last year increased by 14.3 percent against 2.3 per cent in 1987 and licences of buildings and construction projects issued in the first ten months of 1988 increased to 8469 licences compared to 6617 in the same period of 1987 marking an increase of 28 per cent.

Credit facilities granted by

local banks for the construction and real estate sectors increased from KD 1,623.2 million in 1987 to KD 1726.1 million in 1988 marking an increase of 6.3 per cent.

The report added that a programme to settle the outstanding debt problem was completed during 1988 which will have positive consequences on the local economic situations during the coming few years. The cease fire of the Iraq-Iran war in 1988 will also have positive effects on the local and regional economic situation. The report added that unsuitable circumstances of international oil markets might affect the economic

gains obtained by the national economy during the last year. The stands of some state members of OPEC that do not abide by the agreed quota of oil production led to the collapse of oil prices from \$16.8 a barrel in 1987 to \$13.55 a barrel in 1988 (19 per cent) which will have negative consequences on public returns and income of the state as well as on its commercial balance.

Meanwhile, the report pointed out that Kuwait's exports to the GCC states (including the re-exported products) reached KD 69.2 million in 1988 against KD 73.1 million in 1987 (5.3 per cent reduction). The imports of Kuwait from GCC states increased from KD 122 million in 1987 to KD 189.1 million last year marking an increase of 55 per cent.

The author described Kuwaiti foreign policy as "well balanced and moderate," saying that developments in the Mideast and the Arab Gulf are of utmost priority of the state's attention.

Citing several historical events the four-section book asserted that Kuwait has been pursuing "wise trend" which hinges on diplomatic efforts as a principal means of resolving international problems, and Arab and Islamic issues.

The publication underlined Kuwait's firm and permanent backing of the freedom struggle of peoples suffering foreign hegemony all over the world.

The book reviewed in depth Kuwaiti relations with Arab, Islamic and foreign countries and said the Gulf country has been serving "distinctive and great respect" world-wide due to its contribution in founding several regional and international organisations, referring in particular to OPEC.

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Arab reciprocity with Interpol good: official

Drug awareness proposed

By Lima Al Khalafawi
and
Fatima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

DURING the eighties, 61 persons accused of committing various crimes were extradited from other countries to Kuwait. Conversely 77 others were extradited from Kuwait to various other countries. Twenty-six other accused were tried in countries other than their own—these accused were tried according to one of the clauses in the agreement of extraditing criminals that entitles the country to refuse extraditing its citizens, according to Major Abdullah S. Al Wahab, the assistant director of the Arab and International Criminal Police Administration and NBC of Interpol.

The official said that Interpol participated in pursuing and extraditing criminals and will continue to do so whenever this course of action becomes imperative. Those who have been extradited are of different nationalities and were charged with crimes of embezzlement, murder, thefts, drug trafficking, dupe cheques and forgeries.

The official went on to state that whenever the department receives a request for extradition, security forces go into immediate action to locate the criminal. If the wanted person is in the country, a warrant of arrest is issued by the judicial authorities.

Additionally, co-ordination is activated through diplomatic channels to ensure the authenticity of the request and other legal bindings. If the extradition is approved the department will check if the accused has any ban on travel related to any other offences. Prior to extradition, the department ensures that the accused receives any indemnities entitled to him and further ensures that his legal dues are in order.

Entry ban

Subsequently, contacts will be undertaken with the respective country, who requested the extradition to inform them about the department's approval of their request. In case the convict is wanted for trial on criminal charges, then the Ministry of Interior will be informed that the convict should be banned from entering the country again. The same procedure is followed by other countries when Kuwait requests extradition of people.

Wahab praised the co-operation existing between the GCC states in exchanging information about criminals and other wanted people. This co-operation is parallel to that in other countries in the quality and rapidity of



Wahab...co-ordination

exchanging information and this high-level of co-operation exists with all Arab and foreign countries.

The official added that in 1961 Kuwait, after it obtained independence, joined the Arab League, the United Nations and other international organisations and establishments, including other organisations affiliated to the Arab League such as the Arab Organisation for Social Defence for Combating Crimes (AOSDC).

In 1965 it joined Interpol and in 1966, Kuwait's Ministry of Interior established a new department to oversee enforcement of decisions and recommendations by Interpol.

In 1982, the Arab Interior Ministers Council was formed and a General Secretariat was empowered to oversee all specifications of the Arab Organisation for Social Defence in security affairs. In 1983, a decree 145/83 stipulated that Interpol was entitled to the following specifications which would be co-ordinated through the department of the Ministry of Interior.

Combat crimes in the Arab and international arena initiate contacts with the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Minister's Council and its affiliated offices, in addition to the Interpol and its national centres in the member countries and exchange information on international criminals with a view to their eventual apprehension.

Prepare all details and data related to conferences and international committees related to combating crimes.

Follow up all commitments of international agreements and treaties for combating crimes that involve Kuwait.

Departments

Wahab said that Interpol includes the following departments:

The Arab Police Section carries out all the work communicated through the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers Council (GSAIMC) in the quality and rapidity of

Real estate assessment planned for some areas

THE deputy director of the Expropriation Department Nouri Al Shaye has said that the department finished the preliminary procedure for assessing Oqaila area, and that actual assessment will be effected at the first meeting of the committee in charge of this task, expected to be held late this year.

He said that the total number of houses to be assessed in the area was expected to reach 45 houses with a total area of 111,193 sq.m.

He reaffirmed the committee's concern to follow the plans and programmes set for the mission, stressing that personal favouritism could never influence the decisions taken by the committee.

Shaye said that citizens who felt they were treated unjustly by the committee or his property was undervalued could apply for reconsideration of the decision issued in his case.

He pointed out that a pre-assessment study was currently nearing completion involving the Maqwa eastern section and Jeeb Al Shiyoukh, and that the department was planning to distribute ownership deeds among farm owners in Jahra in order of priority during the next meeting.

Zour city

THE Municipal Affairs Committee has approved a proposal submitted by three members of the committee to rename Kheirah city and call it Zour city. The committee also agreed to renew rent contracts of some stalls at the vegetable market in Shuwaikh which are owned by some citizens. The committee accepted their reasons for not importing any vegetables or fruits during the period from 1/7/88 to 31/12/1988 which violates the regulations of the municipality.

Housing authority

28,000 new units before 1995 plan

By Nashat Al Agha

DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the National Housing Authority (NHA) Dr Ibrahim Al Shaheen has said that the coming five-year plan of the NHA for 90/91-94/95 includes the construction of 28,000 housing units to reduce the waiting period of citizens and to meet requirements of new applications. The coming plan includes the establishment of new cities that have full utilities and services such as Kheirah City including different housing projects.

He added that NHA is obliged to adopt new styles of buildings due to the limited land available for housing projects taking into consideration the rights of coming generations.

Allocation

Shaye pointed out that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in his capacity as chairman of the Higher Housing Council headed a meeting for heads of different committees of the council recently. The meeting was also attended by the relevant ministers. The meeting discussed the ability of offering and allocating more land to NHA to carry out its housing projects.

A follow-up meeting is expected to be held very soon to continue the discussions. He added that the state has already allocated land for housing projects at Qurain, Sulaihikat, Fintas, Umm Al Hima, Hadia Naem in Old Jahra, North East of Sawabir, Khiran and Wafra. NHA has completed studies on the schemes of these projects, he added.

Shaye pointed out that among the recommendations taken by the Higher Housing Council during its last meeting is a plan to encourage citizens to return to model areas to build more than one housing unit on one piece of land or to build a new floor to the house in order to offer housing service for sons and their families.

He pointed out that NHA began planning the new Umm Al Hima Area, but will not destroy the present houses at Umm Al Hima at one time. The housing project will commence at the empty land near the houses and citizens living in the present houses will be requested to shift to the new government houses gradually. This arrangement will facilitate destroying the evacuated houses without any inconvenience to citizens. This will be done in order not to confuse or embarrass citizens there. The housing projects at Umm Al Hima will be carried out in stages over the coming five-year plan.

Vertical expansion

Shaye commented that the success achieved by the Sawabir Housing Project (flats) encouraged NHA to plan to carry out similar projects (vertical expansion) on the available lands inside Kuwait City. We began planning and designing projects similar to Sawabir, he added and added that NHA might build small houses each on an area of 200 square metres only or two or three floors buildings. These types will be substituted for the present type of housing units, he added.

NHA will celebrate Arab Housing Week from Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 1990. The authority will concentrate on the maintenance of the government houses and its internal decoration. Several government companies and authorities have agreed to hold an exhibit offering all services and information required for citizens to maintain and decorate their government houses. Shaye said.

العاصمة من التعلم



HH the Amir with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister before his departure to Cairo.

Amir starts visit to Egypt

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The Amir bestowed the Badge of Mubarak Al Kabeer upon the Egyptian leader while Mubarak honoured the Amir with the Nile Decoration.

The exchange took place this evening during a dinner banquet hosted by Mubarak at Al Qubba Palace in honour of the Amir and the accompanying delegation.

For its part, Al Akhbar daily recalled Kuwaiti Army's participation in the 1967 and 1973 wars against Israel and that Kuwaiti martyrs had fallen as a result in those two wars.

Kuwait highly appreciates Egypt's heroic defence of Arab rights and causes and its permanent readiness to help the Arab nation at times of need, His Highness said.

He indicated that the visit provides an opportunity for meeting with Mubarak and his government officials for an exchange on how best to deepen bilateral relations between Kuwait and Egypt.

It would also be a chance to get acquainted with the achievements realized by Egypt during the last years, the Amir noted.

His Highness confirmed that his visit to Egypt reflects fraternal feelings toward Egypt, the Egyptian people and leadership.

The Amir and Mubarak today honoured each other by exchanging highest decorations of their countries.

11,810 new students admitted

UNDERSECRETARY at the Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khodari has said that the number of fresh students at the elementary level for the new academic year 1989-1990 in all Kuwait schools totalled 11,810, both boys and girls. The ministry has finalised arrangements to provide schools with all necessary equipment and furnishings.

He told a local newspaper that 23 new schools were opened and 66 others were maintained, stressing that the ministry's constant effort to upgrade the educational programme at all educational levels is with a view to further diversify subject-matter.

New teachers

Khodari pointed out that the total number of the new teachers hired by the ministry for the new academic year was 543, while 275 expatriate teachers resigned and 91 Kuwaitis followed suit.

He said that Kuwaiti teachers formed 43 per cent of the total male teaching staff and 32 per cent of the total number of Kuwaiti female teachers. He added that the ministry is implementing a policy of secondment at private schools whereby it hopes to maintain supervision over the operation of these schools.

whether Arabic or foreign through seconded principals and teachers.

A flexible plan has been implemented by the ministry to promote the mental and physical growth of students during the summer season, which covered the various youth clubs and swimming pools. The ministry hopes to attract as many students as possible to these facilities.

To develop the curricular programme, the ministry is currently experimenting with the developed religious courses for the elementary level. This step would be carried into the intermediate and secondary stages once proven successful and similar experiments are being planned in other subjects, such as Arabic, maths, languages, chemistry, science and social studies.

He pointed out that co-ordination with the Ministry of Higher Education was carried out through personal contacts with the relevant authorities at that ministry. This ministry will provide us with all information regarding the agreements concluded between Kuwait and sisterly or friendly countries and also in the field of exchange of certificate of graduation issued in Kuwait with those issued from foreign or sisterly countries.

Australian sheep cleared for sale

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the official cited an instance a year ago, when 17 trucks full of Turkish sheep were turned back.

He reassured the public on the safety of the medical check-ups and measures adopted by the veterinary authorities to make sure no sick sheep enter the country.

He added that the International Epidemic office in Paris supplies the animal health department periodically with details about diseases the world over. He said that Kuwait is a member of this office.

On being asked by newsmen why the department did not send blood samples for analysis to the Paris-based office, Sultan said: "We usually do this when we suspect the results we obtain here in Kuwait or the symptoms of the sheep are different from the results we obtain."

When informed of the same sheep will make the public uncertain about the results of the tests Sultan said that each country has its own medical procedures.

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Sultan said that the reduction in the Australian meat prices in

GCC states in order to pass polluted foodstuff shipments that causes harm to the public health.

He called for establishing a centre for exchanging the information between the various health laboratories in the GCC states and establish another centre to exchange information about materials imported from abroad.

He said that the news that the Australian authorities were taking retaliatory measures against Saudi Arabia required the Gulf states to adopt a unified stand and foil any attempt of blackmail or pressure against Saudi Arabia or any other GCC member.

Meanwhile, an official source at Abu Dhabi Municipality confirmed that a shipment of Australian sheep arrived recently at Zayed port. The source added that the sheep were quarantined for further investigations to ensure they are fit for human consumption. The source said that the sheep will not be released before carrying out all the necessary examinations to ensure they are disease-free.

On the other hand, Dubai press reports said that a shipment of Australian meat that arrived in Dubai on Friday, was released after carrying out several medical tests which showed they were free from any diseases, particularly the brucellosis.

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Probe requested in poisoned firemen case

Compensation demanded

THE Labourers Union at the General Fire Department has asked relevant authorities to begin urgent investigations as to the causes of poisoning reported among some firemen at one of the swamps of the afforestation area at Sabahiyah last week when they were trying to save the life of a child who drowned in the swamp.

A statement issued by the head of the union Misallam Al Barrak said that on August 18th, the fire centres at Fahsheel, Mangaf, and Shuwaikh as well as Marine Emergency Centre received a call to save the life of a child who was drowning in a

swamp at Sabahiyah area. The firemen at these centres rushed to the place of accident and were surprised when they learnt that place is reserved for the Public Authority for Agriculture. The statement added that a warning sign indicated that the swamp contained polluted and poisonous water. They were also surprised when the commander of Shuwaikh Fire Centre ordered the firemen to go down into the swamp to recover the body of the child who was dead from the poison. The commander did not order his men to put on the required safety equipment and protectors. Consequently, a large number of firemen

suffered from poisoning which necessitated hospitalisation.

The statement pointed out that residents of the area submitted several memorandums and demands to the relevant authorities asking them to remove the swamp but they did not respond. The statement claimed that such negligence would not have been tolerated had the swamp been located in certain model areas of Kuwait. It further added that if the accident had occurred in any other area of Kuwait the director of Fire Department would personally have rushed to the place of accident.

The statement called on relevant authorities to investigate the accident and to punish those responsible, whether for not burying the swamp or for ordering the firemen to go down into the swamp without safety equipment. The union demanded urgent medical examinations of the sick firemen and prompt compensations.

The union also called on the Public Authority for Agriculture to urgently remove the swamp in the area. It also called on the fire department to provide firemen with required safety equipment during their duties.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier receives

KUWAIT, Aug 28. (KUNA): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today received at Bayan Palace visiting Somali Defence Minister Dr Hussein Sheikh Abdel Rahman Mannan who handed him a message from President Mohammed Siad Barre to HH the Amir.

The meeting was attended by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and Somalia's Ambassador to Kuwait.

Trade minister

DAMASCUS, Aug 28. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Industry and Trade Faisal Al Khalid arrived here today to attend the opening ceremony of Damascus' 36th international exhibition and to inaugurate Kuwait's pavilion.

Education meet

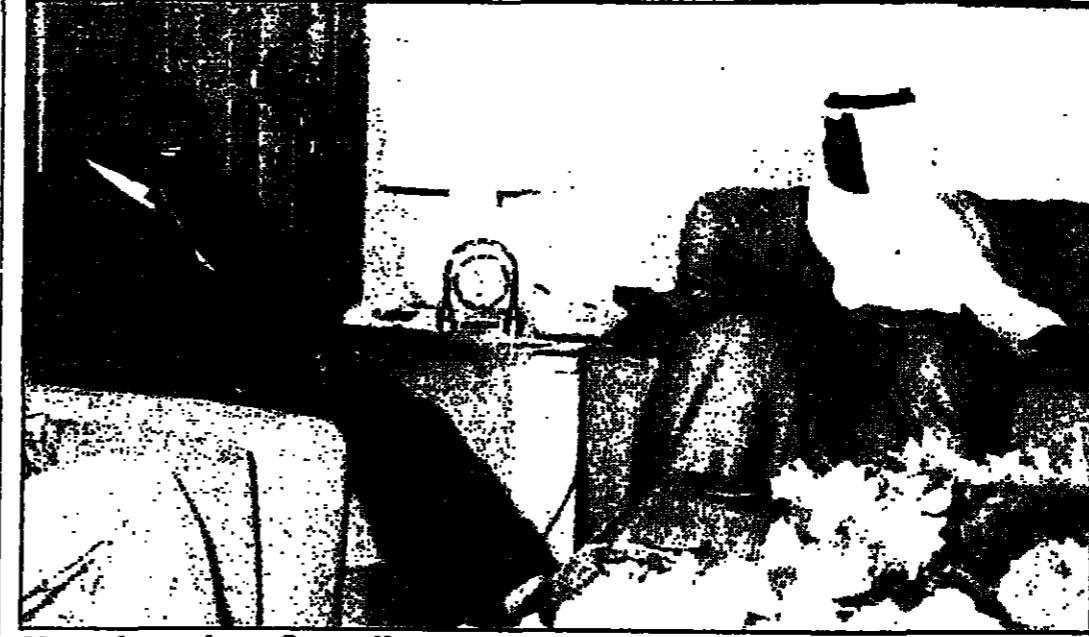
DAMASCUS, Aug 28. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Shamani arrived here today to chair Kuwait's delegation to the fourth conference of Arab Higher Education ministers to be opened here tomorrow.

5 cases of cholera discovered

(Continued from Page 1). The people infected with cholera had come from other countries. He said that the patient is isolated and sent to the infectious diseases hospital and the preventive health department is informed to investigate about the source of the disease.

Kuwait announced yesterday the discovery of five cholera cases, the first cholera cases is found so far this year. Director of the preventive health department Dr Tareq Al Uwaish said that all the cases came from abroad and that the conditions of the patients are not serious. Uwaish ruled out the possibility of spreading the disease in Kuwait adding that the discovery of some cholera cases among the travellers who return from summer vacation, is normal.

He also denied that the Health Ministry will launch a vaccination campaign in Kuwait against cholera. But he called upon the public to call on the preventive health centres as soon as they feel any symptoms of cholera for example diarrhoea or vomiting.



Nawaf receives Somali counterpart

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed met yesterday with his Somali counterpart Hussein Sheikh Abdul Rahman.

Talks centred on bilateral relations and means of bolstering them, particularly in the military field. The meeting was attended by deputy chief of the Army staff Major General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah, Defence Undersecretary Faisal Al Dawood and a number of ministry officials.

Manpower development

Preference to Arabs after Kuwaitis: Nasser

SOCIAL Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad today stressed on the great importance of the visit of HH the Amir to Egypt. He said that the visit exceeds its local proportions and it is in the form of an African-Islamic summit. He hailed Egyptian-Kuwaiti relations both at the official and popular levels.

In an interview with the Egyptian 'Ahrar' newspaper, Sheikh Nasser said that Kuwait gives preference to the Arab manpower over after its national manpower. He added that the expatriate workforce constituted in 1988, more than 86 per cent of the country's total manpower while the Kuwaitis formed only 14 per cent. He added that Kuwait is forced to encourage and develop its national manpower to increase its contribution to the country's workforce and help achieve the population balance.

Sheikh Nasser said that the main goals of the ministry is to organise the workforce, provide the country with its needs of expatriate manpower, protect national manpower and prepare national cadres to take on jobs in the various fields. He said that Kuwait has realised the need to reduce dependence upon expatriate manpower and

encourage the development of the Kuwaiti workforce. But he stressed that Kuwait's employment priority remains Kuwaitis first, Arabs second and foreigners last.

He said that the country's five-year plan has paid great attention to this in a bid to materialise it in the long run. He said "we understand that this goal takes a very long time and is done gradually in order not to leave any adverse effects on the country's planning programmes."

Sheikh Nasser stressed that Kuwait's recruitment policy is based upon increasing the contribution of Kuwaitis to the workforce and restricting secondary expatriate manpower and at the same time recruiting highly qualified and skilled expatriate employees who are needed by the government and public sectors.

He praised Kuwaiti labour relations with Arab countries adding that they are improving. He said that Arab countries co-operate among them in matters relating to labour issues through the international and regional labour organisations.

About Kuwaiti social care given to different weak sections of society, Sheikh Nasser stressed

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WHEN you have got a thing where you want it, it is a good thing to leave it where it is.—Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

Rising death toll augurs anarchy

SRI LANKA'S government is in a battle against time to crush left-wing guerrillas seeking to oust it before an horrendous death toll, strikes and public fear plunge the country into anarchy.

Diplomats and analysts said it was an open question whether the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa can weaken the People's Liberation Front (JVP) quickly enough before the organisation's violent tactics and strike calls make the Indian Ocean island virtually ungovernable.

And government tactics of meeting killings with killings could backfire unless the rebels unexpectedly accept its offer to discuss their grievances and a deteriorating economy improves, they added.

"Rumours are everywhere, society is very jumpy and people are frightened. It is not certain that the government will come out of this better than the JVP," a Western diplomat said.

The JVP, a group of youths from the majority Sinhalese community, is accused of killing over 3,000 people since it launched a campaign to topple the pro-Western Premadasa government just over two years ago.

Security forces have arrested thousands of suspected rebels in nationwide security sweeps using special powers granted to them under a two-month old state of emergency.

The death toll is mounting daily, with reports of charred bodies rotting by the roadside, mass graves and gruesome torture.

The government accuses the front of promoting a "psychosis of fear" and says only armed force can combat this.

"No other way will work. Otherwise we give up and go away," said a senior government official.

Playing on centuries-old Sinhalese distrust of India, the JVP has called for all Indian troops to leave Sri Lanka.

Some 45,000 troops were sent to enforce a 1987 pact supposed to end a Tamil separatist rebellion in northern and eastern areas of the country.

Colombo set a July 29 deadline for their withdrawal but some 42,000 remain and both countries have begun negotiating a fresh deadline, Sri Lanka suggesting mid-September and India next February.

But the troops issue has become secondary to the question of whether the armed forces can significantly weaken an organisation which now operates throughout most of Sri Lanka's Sinhalese-inhabited areas.

The JVP seems able to call strikes with impunity, halting commercial activity, decimating public services and making the government appear impotent.

"If all the Indians left tomorrow, the JVP would find another issue to exploit," the Western diplomat said.

Apparently aware that it would lose a one-off military confrontation with better-armed security forces, JVP tactics are aimed at progressively eroding government authority, Sri Lankan political analysts say.

A favourite JVP tactic is to forcibly collect identity cards—essential for daily existence in Sri Lanka—from village inhabitants.

Last week, the front issued a decree ordering hospital doctors to stop treating armed forces personnel.

The armed forces and police remain loyal to the government but some analysts question whether this will last if soldiers cannot get medical treatment or visit their village for fear of being killed.

The front has threatened to kill families of servicemen who do not resign. Government posters in Colombo threaten to kill 12 JVP families for every soldiers' family killed.

And while some analysts say threats against innocent families may erode JVP support, others say Sri Lankans caught up in the security sweeps and violence may turn against the government.

A nation-wide curfew from 10 pm to 4 am was imposed in July but few Sri Lankans venture on to heavily patrolled streets after nightfall.

Many of Sri Lanka's 16 million people now carry guns and the worsening security situation has caused a rise in non-political murders, the government official said.

Diplomats say the JVP can now call a strike with little advance notice. "It just needs to put up three posters in Colombo and the rest happens by word of mouth," said one. (Reuter—Colombo)

PRESS REVIEW

LOCAL dailies highlighted the visit by H H the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah to Egypt, the first since he became head of state in 1977.

In its editorial titled "Jaber and Mubarak," daily *Al Rai Al Aam* affirmed that the Amiri visit to Cairo opens a new chapter in relations between Kuwait and Egypt.

The paper said that the two Arab leaders will be tackling a number of crucial issues, topped by the Lebanese crisis and the Palestinian question.

It noted that H H the Amir and President Mubarak have identical views toward challenges facing the Arab nation.

Daily *Al Anba* said: "H H the Amir's decision to visit Cairo is the natural materialisation for the natural feelings harboured in the heart of Jaber Al Ahmed toward Egypt, its people and its firm political leadership, which bears the great responsibility at this difficult time in the lives of Arabs."

The paper affirmed that the visit not only aims at strengthening ties between Cairo and Kuwait, but also between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1499—Turkish forces take Lepanto in Greece.
1553—Atahualpa, last Inca king of Peru, is strangled on orders of Spanish conqueror, Francisco Pizarro.
1756—Frederick II of Prussia invades Saxony, marking start of seven years' war in which Holland and Sweden decide to remain neutral.
1782—Almost 1,100 people drown when English man-of-war sinks while being repaired at Portsmouth, England.
1842—Anglo-Chinese war ends with Treaty of Nanking, whereby Canton, Shanghai and Chinese ports are opened to British commerce and Britain obtains large indemnity.
1903—Russia's Finance Minister Count Witte is dismissed, which is taken as victory for group favouring Russian expansion in Manchuria and Korea.
1935—Queen Astrid of Belgium is killed in car accident in Switzerland.
1943—Danish warships are scuttled at Copenhagen in World War II uprising against Nazis.
1945—US General Douglas MacArthur leaves Manila for Japan to accept Japanese surrender.
1960—Jordan's Premier Hazza El Majali is assassinated.
1965—US astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad make safe landing in Atlantic after record eight days orbit around Earth.
1972—North and South Korean Red Cross officials meet in North Korea openly for first time to discuss reunifying divided families.
1978—China's Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-Feng) completes visit to Eastern Europe, symbolizing historic break with China's traditional isolation.
1985—Rioting flares near Cape Town, South Africa, where police seal off area's largest black township.
1987—Two bombs explode five minutes apart in crowded main square of Syrian-policed Tripoli in Lebanon, killing three people and wounding 25.
1988—Two Soviets and an Afghan blast off from a Central Asian space centre to join cosmonauts seeking endurance record aboard orbiting Soviet space station.

Locals fight on after foreign troops leave

Cambodia after pullout

FAILING a surprise agreement this week in the deadlocked Cambodian peace talks, Asia's empty rice bowl looks set to join Afghanistan and Angola in a state of smouldering civil war once foreign troops leave next month.

Despite a month of hard bargaining, Cambodia's four warring factions and their international sponsors still had no accord in sight on the eve of a three-day ministerial session which will wind up the conference.

Diplomatic sources said on Sunday Prince Norodom Sihanouk has resigned as head of the three-party guerrilla alliance fighting the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh.

But the reason for the Prince's move was not immediately clear.

The Vietnamese say they will end their 10-year occupation of Cambodia next month, whether or not the opposing Cambodian sides can be reconciled.

France, sponsor of the troubled Paris talks, continues to hope for a last-minute reprieve.

"Where there's life there's hope," quipped a French official. But he added: "Unless foreign powers can exercise effective pressure on their Cambodian allies in the next few days, the country faces a bleak future."

That assessment is shared by diplomats from both blocs.

They point to the Afghan battleground and threats of more warfare in Angola as evidence that foreign troop pullouts do not necessarily stamp out local conflicts.

Vietnam has pledged to withdraw the last of the troops from Cambodia by September 26.

With the last Vietnamese soldier gone—Hanoi puts its remaining forces at 26,000—the communist government in Phnom Penh will stand alone against the guerrilla alliance based along the Thai border.

Diplomats said that the collapse of Paris negotiations between the guerrilla groups and the Phnom Penh government held out little prospect of a brighter future for Cambodia's eight million war-battered, impoverished people.

Both Vietnam and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen have refused to share political power with the Khmer Rouge, the radical China-backed communists who turned Cambodia into a vast "killing field" from 1975 until their ouster by Hanoi in 1979.

"The Cambodian conflict is all about China and Vietnam and the differences between two Cambodian communist movements," said another Western diplomat. "The differences between them are irreconcilable at the moment."

In an apparent signal of Peking's unwillingness to compromise with Vietnam, the New China News Agency said Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen was unlikely to attend the final round of the Paris conference.

Moscow, on the other hand, was expected to refrain from asking ally Vietnam and its Cambodian partners to show flexibility.

In contrast, the Soviet Union obliged Cuba last year to start withdrawing troops supporting the Marxist government of Angola against UNITA guerrillas backed by South Africa. The United



30-year-old Vietnamese Tran Ngoc Anh repairs part of bicycle atop an old US Army ammunition case in the Cambodian capital. Many Vietnamese settlers are leaving Cambodia with the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops next month.

States in exchange persuaded South Africa to give up control of neighbouring Namibia.

"The Vietnamese have asked the Soviets to keep their hands off and let Hanoi and Phnom Penh run these talks," an East bloc diplomat said.

In this context, diplomats from the two blocs anticipate an Afghan-style scenario in Cambodia.

(Reuters Paris)

The 1988 Geneva agreement on Afghanistan made no provision for either a political settlement or the termination of the flow of foreign arms to the warring parties—Soviet weaponry to the Kabul government and US supplies to the mujahedeen.

"So the Afghan war has raged on unchecked."

(Reuters Paris)

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"I also beseech (Egypt's) President Hosni Mubarak, the president of the current session of the Organisation of African Unity and all the African leaders and Arab kings and presidents and all the countries in the East and West especially the United States of America, the Soviet Union, and the advanced industrial nations to participate effectively in establishing peace in Sudan."

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We are also in favour of autonomy, but we see no reason for our economy to be banded over by bureaucrats in Moscow to bureaucrats in Riga. Let the factories themselves have full control over their production," Alexeyev declared.

Much of Interfront's support comes from the mainly Russian industrial workforce in Latvia.

The Popular Front demands the closure of many factories on environmental grounds, alleging a catastrophic level of pollution which has closed beaches and killed off river life.

"Pollution is so high in (the port of) Ventspils that kindergarten children have been issued with gas masks in one part of the city," said Jurkens.

But Viktor Lerkis, head of Interfront's ecological commission, accused the Popular Front of exaggerating the issue to stir up passions and said a special central government programme had already improved the situation.

And Alexeyev accused the organisation of using the pollution issue to disguise a realm of creating unemployment among Russians by closing factories.

The real point of conflict between the two communities is the language issue. All Latvian schools have obligatory Russian teaching, while the Russian schools in the republic have few facilities for learning Latvian.

Over the past few weeks, members of the Latvian Independence Movement, a splinter group within the Popular Front, have collected some 300,000 signatures to petition for a new law on Latvian citizenship with a language qualification.

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From Saigon to Sean Penn

Brian de Palma recruits Vietnam refugee

By Aly Sujo

NEW YORK, Aug 28 (Reuters): For Thuy Le, the Vietnam war ended in 1989, the year she found herself in a Sean Penn movie.

A refugee from a war that is being fought again on the American screen, Thuy is the female star of director Brian de Palma's dark new war movie "Casualties of War."

It is her first and possibly her last film.

Based on a real incident in which a young Vietnamese woman was abducted, raped and murdered by a group of American soldiers, the film stars Penn as the unit's murderous leader and Michael J. Fox as the team's only conscience-plagued member.

"It's not a documentary, and I'm not a political activist," Thuy says. "What happened to this girl could happen anywhere, not just in Vietnam. And the movie's not about all Americans. It's about one incident."

Film

Dressed in a smart Parisian three-piece suit, sipping mineral water at the Plaza, Thuy looks across Central Park and remembers the day before Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) was captured by the North Vietnamese in April 1975.

"I was eight years old," she says. "There were bombs everywhere. Houses burning.

Chaos. My father worked for the (South Vietnamese) government. If they caught him, we didn't know what they would do to him."

Thuy left Saigon with her family on a boat bound for the Philippines. She has been bobbing on the waters of exile ever since.

From Asia the family moved to a refugee camp in Florida and then travelled through the United States. In 1988 they moved to Paris, a city with a large Vietnamese population.

That year, on the door of a Vietnamese restaurant, she saw an advertisement for an open casting call.

De Palma, known for such macabre films as "Carrie" and "Body Double," was

looking for a young woman to play the lead in a serious new project.

Thuy got the part.

"Casualties of War," which opened on August 18 in the United States, is the latest in a series of anti-war Vietnam films that includes "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket" and the forthcoming Tom Cruise vehicle "Born on the Fourth of July."

During the four months Thuy played what she termed "this brutalized character" her male co-stars had to submit to basic training, Hollywood style.

They ate C-rations, carried M-60 machine-guns and rocket launchers on long hikes and had to learn to strip their M-16 rifles while a former Army Major barked orders at them.

MENTAL AS ANYTHING, "Cyclone Raymond" (Columbia 43367)

"Cyclone Raymond" won't set off any storm warnings on the record charts but it's an interesting album for its eclecticism, if nothing else. These Australian veterans have come up with songs that bounce between pure pop, reggae and country twanging.

The country and rockabilly influences are especially strong. Greedy Smith fills "Big Things in Life" with some revved-up vocals and the lively "Baby You're Wild" sounds like Elvis Presley in Bakersfield with the Stray Cats playing backup. But then the band loses its edge and breaks the mood on the next song, "The World Seems Difficult," a syrupy, synth-driven love song.

Like Talking Heads, the Mental are art school pals but their music too often sounds like they are stifling their creativity in order to fit into certain parameters, such as a movie score (Paul Hogan put their "Live It Up" in "Crocodile Dundee").

William C. Trott (UPI)

★★★

FRED HERSCH, "The French Collection" (EMI, 749561-2)

If you are looking for something in the mode of "Presto!" or "Fresh Air," you will like "The French Collection." If you are looking for a disc that really swings, this isn't it.

The jazz fan who sees "jazz impressions of French classics" on the cover will be disappointed to find how little improvisation there is in pianist Fred Hersch's arrangements of Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc, Faure and Satie for his trio and guest soloists. But on second hearing the merits of this disc may win over the listener.

Even the most restful bass and drums can add an interesting edge to works that are usually soft and fuzzy. The refined quietude of these tracks keeps the jazzy parts on the polite side of heresy. That's too bad if you like heresy but it does mean you can play this without offending your dinner guest even if your dinner guest is Charles Dutoit.

Eddie Eubanks plays clarinet on one fauve cut. Kevin Eubanks adds guitar to two pieces including Ravel's "Pavane pour une Infante Dolorante," better known to Americans as "Pavane for a Dead Princess." Another pair of selections features flutist (Don't you hate the word "flautist") James Newton.

But when Poulenc's flute sonata is excerpted, it is harmonistic Toots Thielemans who is called upon as soloist. Hersch is to be commended for resisting the temptation to assign Thielemans' mighty mouth organ the Poulenc Organ Concerto.

"The French Collection" shows once again how jazz with a French Connection often tends to be too polite and pretty. But as alternative arrangements of classics go, this is quite pleasing.

Howard Dicus (UPI)

★★★

PETER SCHICKELLE, with "Walter Bruno and the Greater Hoople Area Off-Season Philharmonic," "P.D.Q. Bach: 1712 Overture and other musical assaults."

At last Professor Peter Schickelle, who professes to discover works by a Sebastian Bach spurned no one previously heard of, is doing that doo-doo that he does so well on CD, a digital depositary for works that have no analogue.

It was Schickelle who experimented with classical play-by-play (It's a beautiful day for a concert, there's not a cloud in the ceiling) and who performs baroque-style music with bagpipes and stadium trumpets.

The "1712 Overture" is but the latest example of Schickelle's unbelievable ability to top other searchers and researchers. Remember when forgotten Bach



Bette Midler in the screen version of her Broadway show Divine Madness.

Challenging Hollywood

Midler turns career around

By Claire Lockhart

OUTRAGEOUS comedienne Bette Midler has shed her tacky over-the-top image and is challenging male-dominated Hollywood. She is hitting back with her own film company — All Girls Productions.

She formed the outfit last year to produce films giving a woman's point of view.

But Bette, who shot to fame with her raunchy stage act in the Seventies, denies that the company's women are a group of raving feminists.

She explained, "The name All Girls arose because we wanted to be liberated but we also wanted to be girls. We didn't want the business to perceive us as aggressive, domineering females."

The hugely successful movie Beaches was the company's first effort. It proved Bette with her first dramatic role since The Rose, ten years ago. In it she plays C C Bloom — a saucy cabaret singer.

And after the critics raved about her performance, Bette has become one of Hollywood's most bankable stars.

Bette explained: "Because of my looks, I don't think anyone ever thought of me as a leading lady. I've convinced them I can be a kind of a leading lady, although not the ordinary kind. I use personality."

As the producer and star of Beaches, Bette found the project a great challenge: "I had no idea how much work it was. It was like getting ready to go to war. You have to be sure you hire the proper troops, the right number and pay them the money they want. You have to make sure they're fed."

Hard

"All this stuff keeps piling up. It's hard to think about who you are. You're supposed to be playing a character and it's very hard to concentrate on who you are when you're worried about whether they like the food."

The film has given Bette, now 44, a hit single. For she has recorded the film's theme, "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

The girl who was famous as a busty vamp, has finally been recognised for her versatility. The larger than life personality seems to be more subdued these days.

Chorales were discovered in the music library at Yale! Schickelle says when he heard the news he rushed to New Haven and found the "1712" in the dumpster out back.

The new CD, like previous Schickelle offences, mixes the bawdiest Spike Jonesian humour with the highest satire. To start at

Bette admitted: "Marriage and being a mother have tamed me and I am happier now than I have ever been. Motherhood is much harder than I thought. If my mother were alive I'd get down on my knees and say 'Thank You' to her."

The 51-year-old star, who admits that she was no stranger to drugs and alcohol in the Seventies, has put her life in order. She said: "I have a pretty routine kind of life. I don't throw myself at the public very often and say, 'Look what I'm wearing now!'

"In your young life you rebel against values you think are square. But after a while, you realise they are good values. That is the reason they've been around for thousands of years. So, at 40, I decided to do some serious growing up."

Bette says her new-found happiness is due to her husband of five years, Martin von Haselberg and their two-year-old daughter Sophie. Frederica Alohilani. "Alohilani means 'Bright Sky' in Hawaiian," explained Bette who can claim the exotic islands as her birthplace.

She went on: "I try to spend as much time as possible with Sophie and I take her everywhere with me. I look at her and I have whole new priorities in life."

"You just can't believe what mother does to you until it happens, especially when you are my age. I suppose I had probably given up all thought of having a child. Then along came Martin and along came Sophie."

Motherhood came late in life to Bette. And before starting a family she was determined to beat a drink problem that was dogging her.

She recalled: "I used to be a mean drunk. I would scratch people's eyes out and leave blood on elevator floors. It would take me days to recover after a drinking bout."

Drugs

"And as far as drugs go, I can't take them anymore. I'm already nuts and I don't need drugs to push me over the edge."

Miss Midler has come a long way from the days when she stripped at the London Palladium and shocked theatre audiences with her colourful language and blue jokes.

the bottom and work up, Schickelle's will find such familiar period instruments as the trombone and Lasso d'Amore, exclamation point instruments like balloons and fog horn, and questionable instruments like windbreaker and slide windbreaker.

It's hard to say whether friends

or foes of minimalist music will best enjoy "Einstein on the Fiz." Suffice to say its composer slew Adams and reduced glass to a liquid daze, thought it probably served them Reich.

Even the semi-official New York Times writes about Schickelle in this facetious way. But you know what? He's one of the great

music commentators of our century. His best parodies are essays on the strengths and weaknesses of classical masterpieces, often making subtler and more complex points than any written analysis could.

It kind of spoils the fun to say it, thought, doesn't it?

Howard Dicus (UPI)

Reaching out

Clancy on America

By Jill Lai

WASHINGTON (UPI): Most people with four or five major best sellers to their credit would be happily banking or spending their income, and planning their next book. Not Tom Clancy.

Yes, he's happily banking and spending his income — the Clancy recently moved into a new house — and he's glad "Hunt for Red October" is being filmed (starring Sean Connery, James Earl Jones and Alec Baldwin).

But the job he's got his eyes on is not another book. It's the nation's space programme.

The National Space Council recently talked to the best-selling author about working there, but an agreement has not been reached because of differences over a non-disclosure document Clancy would have to sign.

Should things work out, he said he would like to get to the heart of matters, to "nose around, find out what we're trying to do in space."

"They've got to have some pretty good ideas already but I want to pick it up on my own," he said. "And try to help put together a coherent space programme, because we don't have one."

Most of Clancy's novels — "The Hunt for Red October," "Red Storm Rising," "Patriot Games," "The Cardinal of the Kremlin" and now, "Clear and Present Danger" (Putnam's, \$65 pp., \$21.95) — display his gift for grasping technical information and his ability to write about it clearly.

But writing novels is hardly the same as formulating a space programme, yet a somewhat amateur Clancy, 42, thinks he's qualified.

"To be totally immodest? I'm pretty smart, I'm good at fitting things together. I'm good at figuring how things work. I'm good at figuring how things are supposed to work. I'm original, creative. I'm pretty good at expressing myself."

"A lot of those things are qualities that seem to be totally lacking in the US government. Now that sounds terribly immodest but it's true. Besides," he laughed, "that's what other people tell me."

As for running intelligence operations?

"Do I think I could do it? Maybe, maybe I could," he said smiling, but obviously serious. "Again, this is immodest, but there are not that many people in government service that are smarter than I am."

"One of the few disappointing things that have happened to me as a result of all this success and all the people you get to meet is that you talk to them... and all of a sudden you realize, this guy's not a belluva lot much smarter than I am."

"As a matter of fact, I may be smarter than he is. He just has the job. It's Clancy's law of intelligence that it's not how smart you are that counts, it's whether or not people listen to you."

Perhaps with recent events in Colombia, more people just might listen to Clancy, whose new novel is about US government action against the Medellin drug traffickers.

While "Danger" was hitting the book stores, Colombian presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, an outspoken anti-drug campaigner, was killed.

"I never expected that (killing)," Clancy said, shaking his head. "Those druggies... one thing I did right in this book is the arrogance of those people. They know they can get away with anything."

In his book, the drug trade is considered a threat to national security, which leads to a covert operation — a military team is sent to Colombia to eliminate the drug lords. Orders also are given to shoot down a few planes identified as carrying drugs.

But the operation goes beyond the law, and Jake Ryan steps in to straighten things out.

Clancy approves of certain aspects of the operation, but only as long as they are within the law.

"Certainly we need a capacity for covert operations because it's becoming increasingly likely that with the way the world's changing now, with war becoming decreasingly likely, the coming thing is going to be low-intensity conflict, counterterrorist operations," he said.

"We have to come up with a way of formulating a policy that first of all is effective, and second of all that is consonant with the way our country is supposed to work."

"It's a risk isn't it? What does threat to national security mean? There's a war going on," he said. "Threat to national security involves warfare. In warfare innocent people get killed. ... that's why war is so terrible."



Tom Clancy: I'm pretty smart

Reviews

Reliance on human spirit

Clear and Present Danger, by Tom Clancy (Putnam's, \$44 pp., \$21.95)

Tom Clancy, master of the high-tech spy thrillers, has gone mostly low tech with "Clear and Present Danger," his fifth and possibly one of his best books.

What makes "Clear and Present Danger" a superior novel is Clancy's return to human emotions, a reliance on the human spirit, and his realisation that high-tech hardware should never replace human values.

In Clancy's latest, the United States is threatened by Colombian drug lords whose deadly product, cocaine, has turned America's streets into battlegrounds and its youth into zombies. The president decides to order action to put a dent in the drug trade and the men who run it.

A specially picked and trained US Army team is sent in to wage a covert war on the drug traffickers.

While this is going on, the unorthodox actions of a Coast Guard commander lead to the seizure of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of laundered drug profits.

When this secret, little war against the drug lords threatens to become public knowledge, Clancy's hero, Jake Ryan, enters the picture. With the help of a few friends, and some trustworthy American military officers, Ryan engineers a rescue mission for just about everyone involved.

"Clear and Present Danger" has remarkable characters, from the grunts in the jungle to a treacherous and greedy Cuban, multiplicitous, but easily followed plot lines; action scenes to satisfy even the most Rambo-like readers; and satisfying insight into the dilemmas of just what the United States can do to protect its citizens. Penny Spar (UPI)

Prince of the Blood, by Raymond E. Feist (Doubleday, 384 pp., \$18.95)

By Rupa Anand

I WAS up to my ears in just about everything when she called. We had just moved house and everything was askew. Moreover, the place where I worked was under renovation and I was busy trying my utmost to fit the maximum into what appeared to me the minimum time available. It was then that my friend, Shanta, called.

"I have a present for you," she purred. "Why?" I queried, my eyes darting to the calendar. "It's not my birthday or anniversary!"

"No, no. -- I have a homeless little duck that I want you to have!"

"What?" I quacked, sorry, gasped, certain I hadn't correct. A dog or cat, perhaps -- but I'm positive I'd err in my hearing.

"A duck, silly," she came back. "You know the variety with webbed feet and yellow bill and all? It's just a baby -- cho-choo-choo -- and you know this person gave it to this person and he...!"

... Well, apparently, someone had made a gift of the duckling to my friend's boss' son. Now, the latter being only three years old and living in an apartment on the sixth floor, his father decided to get rid of it -- and who to ask but his secretary, my friend! Knowing how seriously she undertakes her duties at work, he must have been more than certain she'd

From Joey to ... Josephine

dispense with this "duty" to -- and part his unneeded ever cho-choo-choo duck on some unsuspecting old soul with a sympathetic ear! No, sir, not on my dear life, you don't!! Pets are fine.

"I love pets," I said, "but how about something more conventional, like a dog... a cat... or a parrot, perhaps?"

"But where will I keep it?" I was running out of excuses now!

"Come, come, you have oodles of space," she cooed, "the backyard and all!"

AHA! So, there was the catch! Smart, eh?!! But I was smarter. "You know, Shanta, the point is that I can't keep it in the backyard. The place is simply littered with cats. They'll eat him up in no time!"

"Never mind," she persisted, "you can't possibly say no. Think of the girls. They'll love him. Oh, come now, don't be so mean!"

Goodness gracious! I'd been termed silly, boring and now -- mean! My excuses were like water off duck's back! "Are you sure it's a duck?" I was beginning to cave in. "I

mean it could be a chicken or a rooster or something."

"Now you are being daft," she went, only to add to the list. "It's a duck!" she confirmed.

"But I don't know what the Lord and Master will say!"

"Then, ask him," she shot back, "and do it now. I'll call you up within the hour."

Fine.

"What's the matter, madam?" asked Lucy, my wonderful housekeeper and so I told her.

"Oh! Isn't that great! I'll look after him it'll be fun... bring him home!" And off she went to unearth some leftover carton for his nest or whatever.

Hesitantly, I called the Lord 'n' Master up to ask/tell Him of our new arrival. "What, are you mad?" he roared, adding further to the never-ending list now.

I knew I had caught him at the wrong time. But what else was there to do so, So, bravely I ventured again and after what seemed an endless round of ping-pong with words emer-

ged the following -- "Do what you want, I am speechless," and I had the dial tone buzzing in my ears.

"What did He say?", Shanta called back to enquire.

I told her.

"It's fixed then. We'll pick him up and bring him over around eight, before dinner. Have his box ready!"

The girls were tickled pink.

"What shall we call him?"

"Quacky!" said my four year old.

"Don't be ridiculous," said the older one.

"Is it a he or a she, Mama?"

"I don't know." (Duck or drake -- what difference did it make, anyway?)

"Then, we'll call him -- Joey!" and in walked the L 'n' M.

See, Lucy has prepared this for Joey," sang the girls, "and we're putting orange crepe paper over it to make it more attractive."

Grrr, dirty look one and grrr... dirty look two...

"O.K., O.K., if it doesn't work out we'll

palm him off to the zoo," I tried to placate.

"No, no," wailed the girls in unison.

Hard to put up resistance in the face of such opposition.

And so, Joey came home. The girls squealed, I clucked and the L 'n' M scowled.

Feed him anything, bread crumbs etc. -- said my friend, Joey's newly appointed godmother and made a hurried exit.

Ten months to the day have elapsed since then. Joey's still here. He's graduated, of course. From one carton to a bigger one.

From newspaper shavings to soft carpet and old happy rags. From the plam of my hand to the glories of an enclosure outside. From a woeful 'beep-beep' to an able bodied 'quack'.

From a miniature bowl of bath water to his very own baby tub. From a miniature bowl of bath water to his very own baby tub. From meagre bread crumbs to a hearty meal of macaroni and mince. From a scrawny fledgling to a resplendent full grown with speckled feathers and wings!!! And they still call it a dog's... sorry, duck's life!

So, Joey, wasn't Joey after all, 'he' was Josephine.

Brocka makes a difference

Social commentary

By Butch J. Cordero

VAST areas of Philippine cinema remain largely unknown here. If Kuwait is becoming little less of a cultural backwater in that regard, we thank the innovative Filipinos who brought this video cassette in.

The subject is Lino Brocka. And the movie is *Kailan*.

Kailan is Lino's third picture this year, and this early he is a heavy favourite come awards harvest time.

Early this year, he stirred the Toronto Film Festival with honest to goodness expose in "Macho Dancer," a searing drama that chronicles the dark alleys of Manila and the shady characters in the microcosm.

Last May, he stormed Cannes Festival once again with "Orapronobis," the film that will never see the light of day in Philippine cinema houses because of its political overtones.

If until now, there are some people who have reservations about Brocka being the country's top director in his generation, his movie *Kailan*... should put things in proper perspective.

The movie *Kailan*... is simply superb. But that is putting it mildly. You can rattle off all the superlatives that comes to your mind -- he deserves them and more.

The title suggest a melodramatic film, but the picture is much tougher than that. We salute Brocka for his ability to orchestrate an ensemble. We also recognise his efforts in rising above the limitations of his meagre material. This he achieved by choosing a good writer to transform an essentially commercial story into a potentially moving piece of a material. And most of all he has that cunning ability to milk out the best performances from his cast proving to one and all that he is indeed an actor's director.

In this regard, Helen Gamboa leads the honour list. As the central victimised character she is accused of murder by no less than her daughter herself. She was insulted and dehumanised past what people would consider the limits of human endurance.

While all the members of the cast tune in good performances, Helen essayed her part so well. Her heart-rending scenes inside the courtroom is so memorable, you will remember it with sweet pain for a long time. It is a performance that blends maturity and intellectual sophistication, so that in the end, when she walks away from the crime unscathed, you breathe free and thank God they were not able to eliminate the frail lovable girl.

Helen's character is the film's fulcrum but all the characters in that particular milieu are important to the director and, consequently, to the finished film.

Lorna Tolentino as the lawyer daughter was allowed enough elbow room to round out her role with so many trying scenes and moments to exhibit a salad of emotions. Highly emotional scenes like the discovery of her real identity and her final scene with Helen in the prison cell are almost palpable. You can almost smell and taste what she feels.

It is also Brocka's credit to extract the meat from Richard. His emotional acrobatics are strenuous and exhausting they seemed remarkably facile, clear and moving.

Gino Antonio had a walk-on part. He has minimal dialogue but his strong presence allows him to dominate the scene. Dante Rivero, Pilar Pilapil and Eddie Garcia provide equally good support. It is Eddie of these actors who lend credence to the



Lorna Tolentino: a salad of emotions

theatrical adage, "there are no small roles. Only small actors."

The only flaw to be found in the film is its ending. The audience feel they are no longer interested in tracking the whodunit part of the crime. The film begins with an even tempo working out up to the climax. However, the ending is unduly prolonged losing its impact in the process. And all the nice things that work out in the beginning subsided and went phft at the end.

Despite this minor detail, the film has one important social comment. The nauseating

regards of the rich to the poor is the prime target of the film's series of expose. To be sure, it is suggested that not all of the rich are harsh, but the expose is disturbing and deserving of public scrutiny and concern nonetheless.

Kailan... is every bit as honest and daring as the more controversial films of the day. Despite its downbeat details, however, it emerges as vindication of the sense of self that can galvanise seemingly ordinary people to realise the extraordinary qualities that lie with them and to bring these qualities to the fore, to redeem their life and make a difference.

The kolis (fishermen) of Madh Island have become very smart. Seeing two star bungalows on the beach, they have got ideas for fleecing producers who come to shoot on the island. Every small thing is charged heavily. And if anybody's hut or tree comes in the camera's range, there is an extra fee.

In particular, your doctor will be interested in any ear or neurologic disorders that often have dizziness as a symptom. For instance, any obstruction, such as impacted ear wax, in the auditory canal could result in dizziness.

Chronic ear infections or previous ear surgery could be the culprit. Your doctor will want to know if your child suffers from any kind of hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), pain or feeling of fullness in his ears (in one ear or both). Dizziness can also indicate benign paroxysmal vertigo of childhood, a fairly harmless and common childhood disorder characterized by recurrent attacks of dizziness that last a few seconds to a few minutes. During an attack, the patient may have nausea and

vomiting and appear pale, with a constant involuntary movement of the eyeballs. This disorder usually disappears after six months to a year, and rarely occurs after the age of 6. Other possible causes of dizziness could include medications, such as aspirin, antihistamines, and barbiturates (used to treat epilepsy and other seizure disorders), injury to the head, neck or spine, infections like meningitis, encephalitis or brain abscess, diabetes, low blood sugar, high or low blood pressure, hypothyroidism, diseases of the blood like anemia or leukemia, diseases of the central nervous system like multiple sclerosis, lead, arsenic, or alcohol poisoning, vitamin deficiency, migraine headaches, and seizure disorders, such as epilepsy.

As you can see this is not a simple question with an easy answer. If you have written about an actual situation in your family, please get the child to the doctor as soon as you can.

Hopefully the answers in your case will be simple and without serious consequences.

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FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLEN BRUCKHEIM

DIZZINESS COULD SIGNAL SERIOUS PROBLEM

QUESTION: What causes a child to be dizzy? Can it be dangerous?

ANSWER: Dizziness in children can have a number of different causes, ranging from a psychological disorder to brain tumor. Don't ever ignore dizziness in a child; it may indicate a serious underlying problem that needs treatment.

You also should be aware of dizziness in a child who's too young to have the vocabulary to describe the sensation he's experiencing. A child may describe dizziness as a spinning feeling, or indicate that he's feeling unsteady or light-headed.

Watch, too, for other symptoms that may accompany dizziness. Does the child suffer from nausea, vomiting, faintness, pallor and headache too? Does he or she black out or lose consciousness? Is dizziness brought on by rapid movement of the head? How long, and how frequently, does the dizziness occur? Is your child able to play or carry out normal activities despite feeling dizzy?

If dizziness occurs in your child, ask your physician about it. He or she will need to take

a complete history and will ask you and your child a number of questions to try to pinpoint the cause of the dizziness. In addition, a thorough physical examination will help rule out a number of possible causes. Laboratory tests (looking for blood abnormalities, diabetes, etc.) and even a CT (computerized tomography) scan will help in the diagnosis.

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By Kathy Cuddehead

BEAUTIFUL gardens are a bit like gourmet meals: a real treat when you don't have to do the work yourself.

The acreage surrounding our country cottage has all the potential of a gourmet garden; it just needs a fine chef to orchestrate the event.

In the absence of a full-time professional I, alas, am the nominee. I say "alas" not for myself, but for the poor garden which relies on my bumbling ineptitudes for its survival.

I think I know I have the best intentions because it does try to look good. In appreciation, I include tomes of garden books in my summer reading schedule. I hang out at garden centres to pick up the latest "dirt" on planting and growing techniques and I cultivate gardeny friends.

This commitment has seen me progress from a rank amateur who couldn't distinguish a colourful weed from a desirable plant, to a dedicated amateur who realises that plants need food to flourish... and wonders if they'll eat last night's leftovers.

I haven't always been so enthusiastic about gardening. Probably because I never had my very own garden to worry about. When I was growing up, I would beg my mother to let me do anything, except the weeding. Silly,

himself, leader of the pack, knows enough about gardening to know what he likes and what he doesn't like. What he likes is a labour-intensive layout.

What he doesn't like is intensive labour on his part. In all fairness, he does plant trees and trim hedges, but it doesn't take long for the novelty to wear thin... or for him to accidentally slice through the extension cord on the electric

Gourmet gardeners

really, especially considering the alternatives my mother devised.

In my adult years, I believed that gardening was an entertainment for retired people. Something to keep their minds off not working. Now I know better: 1) gardening is an occupation for anyone with a garden; 2) it might be a work of love, but it is definitely work. Hard work.

A garden the size of ours needs fairly constant attention during the growing season. Luckily, we have people who look after it for the nine months of the year we aren't at the cottage. During the summer, we do the job ourselves. In theory, the task should be manageable. After all, there are four of us, all able-bodied. For one reason or another, though, it just doesn't work out well in practice.

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What he doesn't like is intensive labour on his part. In all fairness, he does plant trees and trim hedges, but it doesn't take long for the novelty to wear thin... or for him to accidentally slice through the extension cord on the electric

clippers. His other cute trick is to arrange his holiday time to coincide with low maintenance periods: immediately after I've spent six weeks "tidying" the place.

When it comes to gardening, the children are magnified versions of their father. They love beauty and order but don't have the slightest inclination to make a physical contribution to the process.

They simply want to sit back and enjoy. This isn't such an unreasonable desire. Heaven knows I feel the same way but someone, someone besides me, has to get their hands dirty.

So far, I've been able to coerce the children into submission. Sometimes it's hardly worth the effort. I have to listen to whining and put up with procrastination and, on occasion, inferior workmanship.

Still, they're not entirely

uncooperative when it comes to cutting the lawn.

However, since the land is terraced into four mowable levels, some levels (the easy ones) appeal more than others (the ones which slope, have "interference" such as trees, or are just plain too big).

Persuading them to do some serious weeding requires nothing short of

sophisticated tactics. Oh, alright, I admit that have to resort to bribery, but I look on it as a case of the end just

BUSINESS & FINANCE

China and India to expand trade ties

NEW DELHI, Aug. 28. (KUNA): The first Sino-Indian ministerial-level joint commission meeting on co-operation in economic and scientific fields will be held here from September 18.

The Indian delegation will be led by Commerce Minister Dinesh Singh and the Chinese delegation by the country's Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Minister Zhang Toubin.

Official sources here today said the Indian External Affairs Ministry is attaching great importance to the meeting and two working groups, one on trade and the other on co-operation in science and technology, would submit their reports to the commission.

The joint commission was set up following Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to Beijing in December last year.

Official sources said India and China could set the ground rules for transfer of capital, technology and management from the developed countries to the developing in a manner which would bring economic benefits to all.

The sources said the question of the European Economic Community, emerging as a single market by 1992 and the effects of that on the developing countries, are also likely to dominate the three-day meeting.

Indian officials believe that if the 100 countries co-ordinate their economic strategies both in respect of economic liberalisation and foreign investments, a balancing economic force could be generated.

It would, therefore, be mutually advantageous to enter into a dialogue to evolve common strategies to acquire foreign capital and technology which would protect their respective infant domestic industry and fulfil the growing needs of their people.

Trade between the two countries is at present in favour of China. The present bilateral trade turnover is Rs 1,500 million.

Call to boost productivity

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 28. (AP): Workers at state-owned companies must improve their productivity, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari warned the nation's largest and most powerful labour group in a speech yesterday.

Salinas was the keynote speaker at the opening of the 10th general assembly of the Mexican Workers Federation.

State-owned businesses "must follow the pace of economic recovery," he said. "We can't spend resources subsidising unproductivity."

The new president has clashed several times with the federation, a key sector of the political structure that has been in the hands of his ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party for the last 60 years.

Indian rupee	18,090
Sri Lankan rupee	8,260
Pakistani rupee	14,360
Bangladesh taka	8,220
US dollar	30015
Pound sterling	47025
Deutsche mark	15290
UAE dirham	08175
Japanese yen	002088

Big powers turned from war to economic rivalry after World War 2

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter): The global conflict which broke out 50 years ago next month was a catalyst that saw the death throes of old empires and the dawn of a new age of mighty superpower confrontation.

Stunned by a death toll of up to 60 million in World War Two and frightened by the invention of the atom bomb, the world's great powers ceased fighting for land and began competing for influence and money as a sour peace settled over the battlefields and devastated cities.

The war, which lasted nearly six years, drained the old European colonial powers and established two countries—the United States and the Soviet Union—as military and political superpowers whose rivalry was to shape events for decades.

A third country, China, achieved semi-superspower status by acquiring nuclear weapons in the 1960s, but today has still to win the political and economic weight to match its population of more than one billion.

Britain and France, the great empire builders of the late 19th and early 20th

centuries, were forced to grant independence to most of their colonies in the Third World and accept a role as secondary powers.

The losers of the war, Germany and Japan, had strict limits placed on their military power and devoted their energies instead to economic growth, a field in which they eventually outstripped their conquerors.

The pattern that emerged from the war—an uneasy balance between a capitalist West and a communist East, bordered by a host of states to the south struggling to achieve economic stability—has more or less held good since then.

But now there are signs it could be on the verge of change, under the relentless pressure of economics which has forced the communist countries into a corner and dampened their enthusiasm for world revolution.

World War Two began when Nazi Germany, seeking to expand its frontiers laid down for the German defeat in the First World War of 1914-18 and having just signed a non-aggression pact with its arch-foe the Soviet Union, invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Britain and

France declared war on Germany two days later.

In 1940 the Germans occupied much of Western Europe, and the following year turned their attention eastwards, driving deep into the Soviet Union in June 1941. In December, Germany's ally Japan attacked the American base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, bringing the United States into the war.

The tide turned in 1942. The Soviet Army threw back the Germans at Stalingrad and began to advance westwards, while the Western allies' victories in North Africa enabled them to invade Italy in 1943.

Following the Normandy landings of June 1944, the allies closed in on Germany, which capitulated on May 7, 1945.

The American dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki forced the surrender of Japan on August 14.

One result of the war was that the Soviet Union, as well as shifting its borders westwards, took effective control of Eastern Europe by helping to establish communist governments there.

This laid the foundations of the future "cold war" between East and West. The

Record lag expected in interest payments

Third World debt totals \$1.3 trillion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. (AP): Fifteen of the world's principal debtor nations will fall behind in their interest payments this year by another \$4.9 billion, according to a group of top international banks. That would put their arrears on interest alone at \$15.08 billion, according to figures made available to the Associated Press.

The Institute of International Finance, a group of banks in leading industrialised countries, says Brazil, Argentina and Mexico owe the most. Bankers know them as "the Baker 15" after James A. Baker III, the US Secretary of the Treasury, who cited the countries as in need of special help. Baker is now Secretary of State.

A consensus of bank opinion issued by the institute said that growing interest arrears, as well as "calls for generalised debt for growth," makes new loans har-

der for the countries to get. The 15 countries are mostly in Latin America. They also include Nigeria, the Philippines and Yugoslavia. By the end of 1989, they will owe about \$517 billion in interest and principal to banks and governments. A total of \$44.1 billion worth of interest will fall due by the end of this year, with about \$15 billion of it remaining unpaid.

Most haven't paid anything on the principal of their debt since the Third World debt crisis began in 1982. There are a few exceptions—notably Colombia, Uruguay and until this year, Venezuela—which the institute has not added up.

"Falling behind is a conscious policy of government leaders," said Christian Barrett, one of the institute's economists.

Money has been leaving Third World countries faster than it comes in. That is because they do

pay most of the interest and some of the principal due on their loans, and partly because wealthy citizens often send their money to safe havens in industrialised nations. Much of this "capital flight" is illegal, and there are no reliable figures on it.

Barrett thinks that citizens of many debtor countries have stashed away assets abroad that approach or even exceed the value of their own countries' debts to the commercial banks.

Leaders of debtor countries complain that the outflow of funds—about \$30 billion last year—is unnatural and a major cause of their declining standards of living through the 1980s.

"Poverty has increased because of debt," said Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero of Zimbabwe in a television programme prepared for broadcast here Sept. 28. His country

owes a modest \$2.5 billion and is not among the 15.

He was echoed by Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega of Brazil, which owes about \$109 billion and is the Third World's biggest debtor.

"If we do not find a solution for the debt, then it will be solved by itself through political turmoil, through social unrest, and then industrial nations will wake up and find a solution," he said.

The television programme, prepared by a non-commercial station in Washington, will be broadcast when the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund hold their annual meeting here. Third World debt will be a major topic of the meeting.

Brazil has delayed some interest payments this year and is due to pay \$3 billion next month.

Last year, Brazil caught up on its interest arrears thanks to an agreement with the banks and

the International Monetary Fund. Brazil agreed to receive new loans on condition that the government hold down borrowing at home. The fund, however, later ruled the hold-down ineffective and halted disbursement of the loans. Many banks followed suit.

This year, the institute expects Brazil to pile up another \$700 million of interest arrears.

The institute estimates that Argentina, where the new government of President Carlos Menem is settling in, will owe about \$68.6 billion in interest and principal at the end of this year. Of that \$8 billion will be past-due interest.

Total debt of Third World countries is estimated at \$1.3 trillion. But many big debtors are not considered in financial trouble—India, with \$60.2 billion, China with \$42.4 billion and the Soviet Union with \$39.3 billion.



James Baker

Yemenis opt for US-Kuwait group

Oil exploration deal

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug. 28. (Agencies): North and South Yemen have provisionally decided to award a consortium of US, French, Soviet and Kuwaiti companies exploration rights in a jointly controlled border area, the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

The consortium comprises the US Hunt-Exxon group, which has the biggest stake at 37.5 per cent, France's CFP, Total and the Soviet's Makhmaloport, and Zarubezhgeologiya, with both groups having an 18.75 per cent share; and the state-run Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co., with 25 per cent.

The oil industry newsletter, published in Cyprus, said that final negotiations between the joint Yemeni company and the consortium will be held next month.

It noted that the North Yemeni government was "laid down certain conditions which

the consortium will have to fulfil if the award is to be finalised." But it did not elaborate.

The concession area covers nearly 800 square miles (2,000 square kilometres) of border territory. It lies between North Yemen's Marib-Jawf fields, operated by Hunt-Exxon, and the Soviet-operated Shabwa field in South Yemen.

The North Yemen fields are producing an estimated 200,000 barrels a day. Production at Shabwa is expected to start early next year at an initial rate of 30,000 barrels a day.

The joint Yemeni company, the Yemen Company for Investment in Oil and Mineral Resources, was set up last year as part of an agreement ending a long-running border dispute.

The oil-bearing region straddles the border and the dispute threatened to curb exploration.

The discovery of oil by the two

Arab states, has been an economic boon that neither can afford to jeopardise.

MEES said that if the consortium finds oil in commercial quantities, CFP-Total will handle exploration and Hunt-Exxon production and development.

The Soviets will be primarily concerned with supplying equipment, MEES added.

Meanwhile, Exxon Corp., which said it could sell all the gasoline it could make this summer, acknowledged yesterday a nation-wide boycott continues to affect sales five months after the Alaska oil spill, with 39,000 credit cards returned to date.

"Overall, the boycotts have had a slight impact on sales, mostly on a localised basis," a spokesman for the world's largest oil company said in reply to a question.

"To date, 39,000 credit card holders have cancelled since the March 24 spill (of the Exxon Val-



Protest against farm policy

Yugoslav peasants defy thunder and rain to protest against government farm policy in front of the federal parliament yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

US foreign trade deficit narrows

Markets subdued by caution

Top priority to increase investment

TUNIS, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Bacouche today recommended a Keynesian-style policy of investment to stimulate the economy and cut unemployment.

Government investment in public works and the petrochemical industry, cut drastically under a World Bank-approved adjustment programme in 1986, could play a part in the expansion, Bacouche told an extraordinary session of parliament.

"Only a small percentage of the customers who returned their cards (earlier) have elected to reinstate their accounts," the spokesman said. He declined to give a percentage.

The spokesman said most of the cancellations came from "short-term" rather than "long-term" card holders, which he could not define in terms of the length of time held.

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Agencies): Europe's financial markets were subdued today by caution ahead of US economic statistics due out later in the week and by a public holiday in Britain.

"Things are quiet, there is no new direction to trade and no new ideas," said one dealer in Frankfurt.

The first big US indicator this week is revised gross national product (GNP) for the second quarter of the year.

Due out tomorrow, economists expect it to show that the world's biggest economy grew by 2.5 per cent during April-June against an initial estimate of 1.7 per cent.

"Public investment can play its role in reviving major projects... in the fertiliser and energy sectors and can give greater momentum to the programme to prevent soil erosion, plant forests and build dams and roads," he added.

"The market will stay dead until we see the numbers," another Frankfurt currency dealer said.

More important for the market, however, is the August US employment data due out on Friday.

But some dealers doubted whether any of the week's statistics will move the market significantly.

"Unless the GNP and unemployment data are completely out of line, I do not expect many changes," said a Frankfurt trader.

The British bank holiday reduced activity in many European share centres, and

Paris and Frankfurt both drifted generally easier, traders said.

Gold eased a shade to close in Zurich at \$360.25 an ounce against Friday's finish of \$360.85.

The US foreign trade deficit narrowed to \$27.72 billion from April through June, the smallest quarterly imbalance in four years, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the gap between imports and US exports showed a 2.3 per cent improvement from the first three months of the year when the trade deficit totalled \$28.38 billion.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

INTERNATIONAL Board Highlights

LONDON: Bank of New York Co Inc has set a 500 mn dlr Euro commercial paper programme. Shearson Lehman Hutton International said as arranger.

Zurich: Swiss paper maker Biber Holding AG is issuing a 70 mn Swiss franc 3-1/2 pct 10-year convertible bond with an indicated conversion premium of eight to 10 cpts, lead manager Credit Suisse said.

Singapore: ANZ Singapore Ltd said it has arranged a 224 mn Swiss franc credit facility for Indonesia's PT Five Star Ltd.

Ankara: Turkey's foreign debt dipped to 35.3 billion dls at end-June from 36.3 billion at end-March and 37.7 billion at end-1988, a senior treasury official said.

London: The UK's encouragement of people to take out personal pension plans may have the unexpected side effect of raising gilt yields across the maturity range.

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	32.50	32.50	NAT. ORG.	39	38	39	--	--
ACC	248.50	255	262	GRASIN	109	110	110.50	NIPPON	39	38	39	--	--
ALEX. CHEN				GSFC	162.50	160	162.50	NOCL	975	970	985	--	--
ALW. HITS				GUJ. ALKL.	70.50	70	71	OKRAY	15.25	15.25	15.75	--	--
ARI. FAB				GUJ. HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSHAL AGRO	88	87	88	--	--
ASHOK. LEY.	65.75	62.50	67.50	HERO. HONDA	20	20.50	21	PEICO	19.50	19	19.50	--	--
ATLAS. PAINT	202.50	203.75	205	HIND. CIBA	865	850	850	PFIZER	59	57.50	58	--	--
ATLAS. COP.	37	36	38	HIND. COCOA	116	117	118.25	PUNDUS	160	165	170	--	--
AUTO. CORP.	72.50	--	--	HIND. LEVER	96.50	97	97	PREM. AUTO	55.50	56	55.25	--	--
BAJAJ. AUTO.	328.50	327.50	325	HIND. MOTOR	32	33	32.50	RANBAXY	82.50	80	83.75	--	--
BAR. BAYON	567.50	585	600	HINDALDO	242.50	247.50	247.50	RAY. WOOL	83	83.50	83	--	--
BK. BOMB.	80.50	82	85	HODERST	780	780	800	RECKITT	172.50	170	172.50	--	--
BLOW. PLAST.	--	--	--	HMG. ORG.	38.75	38.25	40.50	RELIANCE	106	105	106	--	--
BLO. DYE.	123	125	124	HMG. RAYON	78	78	78	SESA. GOA	42	42	43	--	--
BSE. INDEX	709.51	710.48	710.48	INDROL	272.50	270	256.50	SHAW. WALL	--	--	--	--	--
BURR. MEI.	185	182.50	187.50	INGERSOLL	407.50	405	410	SHREE. CEN.	--	--	--	--	--
CANSHARE				ITC	118	117	119	SHRI. FIB	77	75	77.50	--	--
CEN. SPG.	2750	2750	2750	JK. SYN.	75	75	77.50	SIEMENS	70	68	70	--	--
COLGATE	2025	2040	2035	KIN. ENGE.	137	140	137.50	SKF	1210	1200	1250	--	--
CRONT. GR.	310	311.25	313.75	KIR. CURN.	65.25	64.50	65.50	SPIC	45	45	46.50	--	--
DCM	1260	--	--	KSB. PUMPS	370	365	370	ST. MILLS	340	340	350	--	--
DEEP. FERT.	11.50	10.50	11.50	L. AND T.	103	102.50	101	TATA. CHEM.	119	118	119	--	--
DUNLOP	26.75	28.50	29.50	LIPTON	68	68	68	TATA. OIL	70	67.50	70	--	--
EL. HOTELS	58	57	58	HAC. RUSSEL	116.25	125	132.50	TATA. POW.	347.50	351.25	347.5	--	--
ESKATEY	71.25	71.50	71.50	MAHINDRA	88	87	87.50	THAPP. AGRO	995	1005	1015	--	--
ESSAR. SPA.	111.25	111.25	111.25	MAS. SHARE	15.50	15.50	15.50	TISCO	1212	1225	1225	--	--
FOOD. SPL.	28.75	29	29.25	NICO	600	590	595	VAM. ORG.	151.25	150	151.25	--	--
FORBES	48.75	46.25	48.75	MILK. FOOD.	182.50	185	190	VARELI	22.50	23.75	25	--	--
GAR. POLY.	67.50	67.50	68	MRF. LTD.	330	325	342.50	WIMCO	16.50	16.25	16	--	--
GE. POLY.	39.75	39.75	39.25	MUG. IRON	127	127	129	ZENITH	52	50	52	--	--
SONDIA	89.50	89.50	89.50	NAT. INDEX	367.52	369.18	369.18	ZUARI. AGRO	71	70	71	--	--

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

	STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE	PR. CLSE
ASTOCO	1,049.7	1,049.7	1,049.7	1,049.7
AGF	427	427	424.35	424.35
ALLIANZ. VR.	2,128.0	2,115.0	2,115.0	2,115.0
BAUDENK. B.	2,226.0	2,214.0	2,214.0	2,214.0
BAASF	2,277.0	2,274.0	2,274.0	2,274.0
BAYER	308.7	313.5	313.5	313.5
BAYER. BYP	430.0	408.0	408.0	408.0
BAYER. VER.	392.0	395.0	395.0	395.0
BBC	507.0	505.0	505.0	505.0
BIF	446.0	448.0	448.0	448.0
BW	604.5	607.5	607.5	607.5
COMMERZB.	255.0	254.0	254.0	254.0
CONTI. SUMM.	308.5	313.5	313.5	313.5
DAHLER. BEN.	834.0	834.0	834.0	834.0
DEUTSC. BNK	667.0	669.0	669.0	669.0
DEUTSC. B.	550.0	550.0	550.0	550.0
DOUGLAS. HD.	670.0	671.0	671.0	671.0
DRESDNER. B.	330.0	336.0	336.0	336.0
DTI. BACDOK	222.0	224.5	224.5	224.5
EWZ. 1985	6,854.00	6,852.00	6,852.00	6,852.00
FELOMAG. 1974	434.00	439.75	439.75	439.75
GOLDSCHMID	439.5	437.0	437.0	437.0
HARPENER	458.0	457.0	457.0	457.0
KOECHST. AG	296.6	298.7	298.7	298.7
KOESCH	241.5	242.5	242.5	242.5
HORTEN	283.0	283.0	283.0	283.0
KALI. SALZ	217.0	219.0	219.0	219.0
KARSTADT	518.0	520.0	520.0	520.0
KAUFHOF	195.5	194.0	194.0	194.0
KLOCKE. H.	162.0	163.0	163.0	163.0
LINDE	797.0	796.0	796.0	796.0
LUFTRAUFA.	196.0	198.5	198.5	198.5
MAN	348.5	353.0	353.0	353.0
PANNESHEIN	258.5	260.0	260.0	260.0
MERCEDES	685.0	679.0	679.0	679.0
METALLGES.	464.0	465.0	465.0	465.0
MIXDORF. PF.	355.0	355.5	355.5	355.5
MORSK. HYD.	43.70	43.90	43.90	43.90
PHILIP. KOM.	565.5	564.5	564.5	564.5
PORSCHE	840.0	842.0	842.0	842.0
PREUSSAG	303.0	301.5	301.5	301.5
PVA	328.5	325.0	325.0	325.0
RHEINMETAL	637.0	638.5	638.5	638.5
RHE.	344.6	346.0	346.0	346.0
RHE. P.	292.5	291.5	291.5	291.5
SALAMANDER	387.0	387.0	387.0	387.0
SCHERING	765.5	766.5	766.5	766.5
SEL	340.0	340.5	340.5	340.5
STENIENS	595.2	601.5	601.5	601.5
THYSEN	257.0	241.5	241.5	241.5
VARTA	413.5	407.0	407.0	407.0
VEBA	349.0	351.0	351.0	351.0
VEN	190.0	195.5	195.5	195.5
VOVSKURGEN	481.5	484.4	484.4	484.4

HONG KONG

US economic statistics

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Singapore looks overseas to solve labour shortage

SINGAPORE, Aug. 28. (Reuter) Singapore is battling an acute labour shortage by encouraging foreign workers to move to the tiny island state while urging labour-intensive businesses to move out.

Among those invited in are blue and white collar workers from Hong Kong, where many residents are keen to leave the British colony before 1997, when it reverts to Chinese rule.

"If we want to continue to grow, we need more people — people with skills, drive and ability," Minister of State for Trade and Industry Mah Boi Tan said recently.

Singapore government incentives are encouraging food processing, electronics, marine, printing and publishing concerns to establish new ventures overseas.

One shipyard has already announced it will shift a floating dock to India's Madras port because of the labour shortage in Singapore and also build a shipyard in Madras.

With local labour stretched to the limit

employers use novel perks to attract and retain staff. These include lucky draws every three months with 10,000 dollars (\$5,000) worth of home appliances for the winner.

Unemployment in Singapore dropped to 3.3 per cent in 1988.

Even with 150,000 foreigners working here, businessmen estimate another 60,000 to 80,000 are needed to supplement Singapore's 1.2 million labour force.

Officials estimate that an additional 12,000 workers are required for each percentage point Singapore's economy grows above four to six per cent.

With second quarter economic growth at a booming 9.1 per cent, businessmen say little immediate relief is in sight. A US embassy report projects unemployment will drop to just two per cent this year.

"It is a wonderful market now for employers," said George Abraham, executive director of the Singapore Indian

Chamber of Commerce. "Some are getting choosy now."

The recent moves by the government may ease the shortage in the long term, businessmen said.

In June, Singapore relaxed its immigration standards in a controversial move to attract professional workers and artisans, especially from Hong Kong. It is hoped up to 100,000 Hong Kong residents will take advantage of the offer in the next five to ten years.

To entice local companies to set up joint ventures and subsidiaries overseas, Singapore offers tax holidays and protection of their investment against any loss from sale of shares or overseas assets.

Singapore is already the largest investor in neighbouring Malaysia, with 500 million dollars (\$263 million) in approved investments in the first half of this year, compared with 310 million dollars (\$163 million) for the whole of 1988 and 191

million dollars (\$100 million) in 1987.

"I can see in the next five to 10 years we will see more companies moving abroad," said Abraham.

"We are small and we have a limited workforce. Shifting labour-intensive companies overseas is more promising than immigration. Immigration alone cannot solve all the problem because there are social problems involved," he said.

Officials calculate that if 25,000 Hong Kong workers and their families move in, this would add about four per cent each year to Singapore's gross domestic product, the sum of goods and services produced.

Government officials say unless Singaporeans can be induced to have more children there will be even fewer workers in 20 to 30 years.

Singapore has been exhorting parents to have bigger families after a 20-year-old birth-control campaign to "stop at two" proved too successful.



Travellers queue in downtown Sydney yesterday after 1,600 domestic airline pilots resigned last week, bringing domestic air travel in Australia to a standstill. Picture shows passengers boarding a Brisbane-bound bus, brought in to help move stranded air travellers around the country. (Reuter wirephoto)

Plessey seeks link with Japan

Takeover bid

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter) British electronics group Plessey, fighting a hostile Anglo-German takeover bid, said today it planned to link up with a leading Japanese microchip company.

"We have been in talks with several leading Japanese companies over an extended period and a tie-up should come quickly once the bid is beaten," said Plessey spokesman Anthony Carde.

He declined to name the companies involved, although British press reports have highlighted Sony, Matsushita or Toshiba as Plessey's most likely partners.

A spokesman for Sony Corp. in Tokyo declined to confirm or deny that his company was already in talks with Plessey.

Plessey said a Japanese connection would "provide for an exchange of complementary technologies as well as access to the fast-growing and innovative Far Eastern market."

Plessey, a major British defence contractor, has already urged its shareholders to reject the £2 billion (\$3.14 billion) takeover bid from Britain's General Electric Co. (GEC) and Siemens of West Germany. The bidders have built up a 29.9 per cent stake in Plessey.

In an apparent attempt to increase its shareholders' loyalty at the weekend, Plessey announced new restructuring measures which it said would increase the value of their investment.

In a letter to shareholders, Plessey said it planned to auction the 50 per cent stake it holds in GPT Ltd, the telecommunications group it owns jointly with GEC. The cash would be used for acquisitions and expansion.

Discussions would be reopened with companies in Britain and North America aimed at expanding Plessey's aerospace interests.

Plessey's chairman Sir John Clark would become a non-executive chairman next March, handing over executive responsibilities to managing director Stephen Walls, it said.

Meanwhile, Japan's plant and equipment investment in fiscal 1989 will increase 12.9 per cent over a year ago to an estimated 19.597 trillion yen (\$136 billion), a Japanese commercial bank said today.

The long-term Credit Bank of Japan said its report was based on a survey conducted on 1,420 corporations, mainly its customers, in the middle of July.

The report reflected an upward revision by 7.8 per cent from initial forecasts, the largest such revision, made on the basis of the July surveys in the 1980s and an indication that the will to invest is very strong in Japanese companies.

Kaifu to tell Bush US must attack root economic problems

Economy will continue to expand at lower pace

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (Agencies): The US economy will continue to expand this year but at a lower pace and inflation will slow as the economy decelerates, a Japanese commercial bank predicted in an analytical report today.

US exports and plant and equipment investment will remain firm but little contribution can be expected from personal spending, said the report by the Fuji Research Institute, a think-tank of Fuji Bank.

The report said the US economy grew a net 4.4 per cent in the January-March period of this year but it has lost much of its vigour.

"Economic growth will slow even further in 1989, finishing the year up approximately 2.6 per cent," the report said.

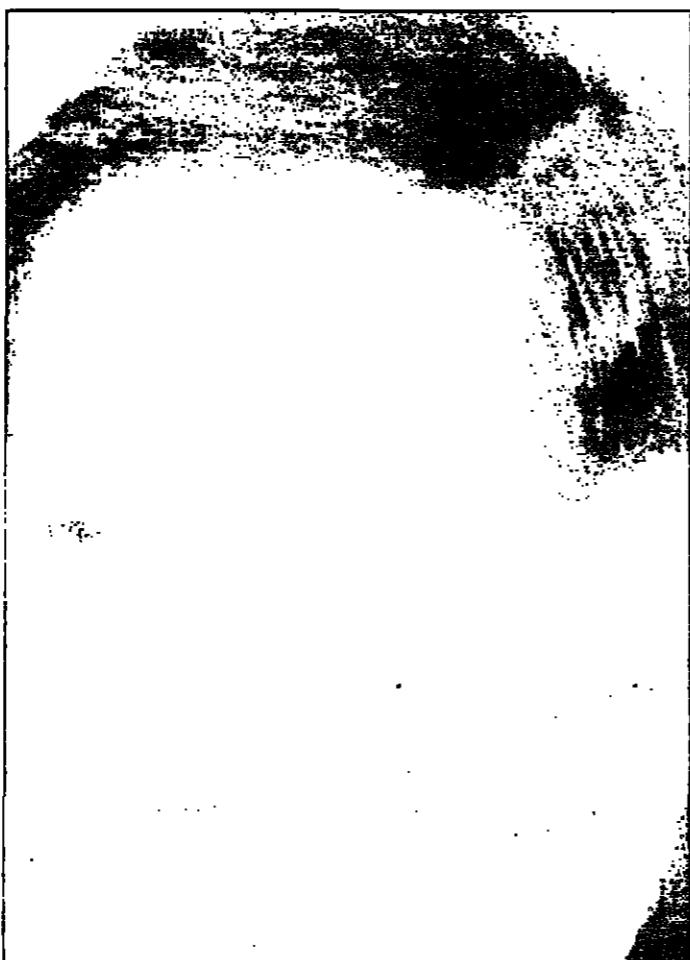
It said exports and plant and equipment investment will be firm throughout 1989, again leading economic growth.

"Investment-related exports will rise as companies prepare for EEC market integration. The dollar will gradually weaken from now on, further boosting exports," the report said.

The report predicted the US customs-clearance trade deficit for 1989 will shrink \$15 billion from 1988 to \$104 billion. The decrease, however, will be only half the \$33.6 billion improvement recorded in 1988, it added.

US exports in 1989 will increase 13 per cent over 1988, also down sharply from the 26.9 per cent year-on-year growth recorded last year, the report said.

On the Japanese economy, the report said the domestic economy will continue to expand and expansion would have continued for 40 consecutive months at the end of fiscal 1989, ending next March 31.



Toshiki Kaifu

Japan's exports will continue strong and its global trade surplus in the current fiscal year will be \$98 billion, up from \$95.3 billion in 1988, the report said, adding: "Demand for plant and equipment investment abroad and Japan's own direct investment show no signs of slackening."

"We are not saying it is a domestic issue, it's none of your

Meanwhile Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu plans to tell President George Bush on Friday Japan is ready to discuss its root economic problems but the United States must be prepared to do the same.

"We can't easily envisage a quick fix," he said.

He said the two sides should concentrate discussion on areas where governments can have some impact.

Japan to extend \$1b loan to Mexico

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (API) Japan will extend a yen loan worth \$1 billion to Mexico to help it combat worsening air pollution in its capital city, a Japanese newspaper reported today.

The loan will be the first application of Japan's environmental official development assistance programme, in which Tokyo will provide a total of 300 billion yen (\$2.08 billion) in loans for environmental protection in developing countries, the Yomiuri Shimbun reported.

The newspaper said Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu will inform Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari of the \$1 billion loan when Kaifu visits Mexico on Sept. 5.

Kaifu will leave Wednesday on a tour that will also take him to the United States and Canada.

A Foreign Ministry official, who spoke anonymously, said the government "is still considering the amount and other details" regarding the Japanese loan to Mexico.

The Mexican government will use the loan, to be paid over the next several years, in its anti-pollution programme, which will cost about \$3 billion, to help relieve Mexico City's air pollution problem, the newspaper said.

Fresh move to strengthen economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (Reuter): The government agreed today to set up a three-man committee headed by Finance Minister Shimon Peres to speed up economic development projects to combat Israel's rising unemployment.

The nationally adjusted jobless total rose to 150,000 or 9.5 per cent of the workforce in the second quarter of this year, the highest for 20 years. One year earlier it was six per cent.

Last month the government introduced a \$140-million spending package to try to stimulate economic growth which has remained static this year after a sluggish 1.6 per cent increase in gross domestic product in 1988.

He said the debt was equal to nearly nine-tenths of Africa's annual economic output last year. One-third of this resulted not from actual borrowing but from high interest rates and frequent reschedulings on commercial rather than the original soft terms.

It is now clearly beyond doubt that reschedulings are mere palliatives which aggravate the problem in the long-run," he said.

Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Ghali, appealed for what he called a serious north-south dialogue, adding: "The time has come for world public opinion to be aware of the plight in which Africa lives."

Without a lasting solution to the debt problem, he said, Africa faced the prospect of being trapped in a "vicious circle of economic servitude."

Oumarou attacked what he called an unfair economic system, including trade and other protectionist measures against Africa's exports of mainly mineral and farm products.

He also said industrialised nations should drop demands for debt relief to be

linked to acceptance by debtor nations of IMF and World Bank economic reforms.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
10.00 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 10)
11.00 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety
11.15 Ablah Muneeba: Daily Local Serial (Part 5)
12.00 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety
12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: Variety programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Al Sharakeel: Cartoon serial
2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 8)
3.15 Innaha Al Haq: Religious Programme
3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon serial
4.00 La Waqt Lil Dhaya: Arabic film, starring Khaled Zaki, Dalal Abdul Aziz and Mahmoud Masood.
6.00 Variety
6.30 Night Chemists,



Dalal Abdul Aziz in 'La Waqt Lil Dhaya,' Arabic film on KTV1 at 4.00 pm today.

Airlines and Official announcements
7.00 Hikayat Al Asni: Historical serial, starring Rasheed Al Rechani, Samya Jamal
8.00 Nadwat Al Osboo: Local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishnash.

Jimmy Smith in 'L.A. Law' on KTV2 at 10.30 today.



A scene from 'Hooperman' on KTV2 at 10.00 pm today.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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The Whitbread Round the World Race is in fact, together with the America Cup, one of the main events in the yachting world. Everything about this race is the biggest and the best, whether it's the size of the course, the number of competitors and the truly international participation or even the wealth of monies invested.

The gap of four years between each competition is today scarcely long enough to allow the projects to be set in motion. Arranging complex tasks such as carrying out studies, building boats, putting the finishing touches to them, selecting and training teams as well as financing the whole thing nowadays demands as much energy on the part of skippers as the race itself.

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trophy: 16 nations are represented 28 yachts are entered in the race 14 of these are maxi yachts

Competing over a 6 leg race of 33,000 nautical miles which, during almost 9 months, will take the sailors across nearly all the oceans of the globe.

Once again there is the paradoxical presence of a Swiss yacht amongst all these seafar-

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays. Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sudu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Farewell party

SEPT 1 (Friday): The Bangladeshi Association will organise a farewell function for the Economic Counsellor Abdur Rahim Khan at 7 pm at the Bangladeshi embassy premises. Bangladeshi are requested to contact for details with following persons: Moaz 4310970, Yusuf 4314193, Maksudur Rahman 4881595, Mozaamul Haque 2551312, Ashraful Islam 4836235 and Abdur Rob 4316823.

People's Art Circle

A MEETING was held at Dr Riaz A. Mahesar's President Pakistan People's Club, residence to form a committee to organise musical shows and dramas. As per Rafiq A Mirza, general secretary Pakistan Peoples Club, People's Art Circle is formed and is headed by Yakub Pasha with the following committee members: Salman Shah, Ustan Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Samie Sanzi, Syed Zafar, Mohd Musa Bloch, Qamar Pervez and Agha Saeed.

Syndicate Live

SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of comradeship, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live,' a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of

8.00 News in English

8.30 A Different World: 'Gentlemen Of Hillman' Ron and Dvine participate in preparing a study about time, Dvine shows much interest while Ron remains indifferent. 9.00 Horizon: 'Perils Of The Deep.' Dangers of diving and difficulties. The relation between depth and need for more oxygen and breathing.

10.00 Hooperman: 'The Dating Game'. Hooperman is unable to find a girlfriend to share his life.

10.30 L.A. Law: 'Victor Victorious' Owen has to face a lawyer regarding racial discrimination. Victor has a love affair with a TV woman-director.

11.30 News in Brief.
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait

Al Mejai Pharmacy
Abdulla Al Mubarak Street,
Al Mejai Building
Al Baqami Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber Street, Al Sharq Square, Al Raed Building
Nugra and Hawalli
Al Qatani Pharmacy
Nugra, Al Othman Street, Property of the Supply House
Salimya and Rumaitiya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad Street, Property of Al Sane
Fahad and Ahmad
Al Fajr Pharmacy
Fahad, Makkal Street, Near the Safeway
Jeeb Al Shwaykh
Wahran Pharmacy
Souq Street, Block No. 14
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opposite to Jahra Co-Op

Whitbread Round the World yacht race



A Merit yacht during practice

ing nations. It's far from being the least important, since it's captained by Pierre Fehlmann, at the helm of Merit, who is defending the title of being the fastest yacht around the world during the last edition.

What are the chances for Merit and its Swiss team? Quoted as one of the favourites by the English bookies, Merit

has undergone rigorous preparation during over a year's sailing. It has won almost all the races it has competed in its category, and has just undergone a period of refitting and minor modifications in England during the last two months. Certainly numerous yachts with a disturbing turn of speed have put to sea more recently, such as the New

Zealand ketches and Laurie Smith's British maxi yacht.

All the skippers are very experienced, and except for the perils of the sea and damage, it will be a fight to the bitter end.

The psychological stamina of the teams will be just as much of a determining factor as their physical condition.

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel

AL Shalal coffee shop:

Offers daily businessman's lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.

Les Elysees Restaurant:

Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

At the SAS hotel:

AL GHAZER: SAS hotel's very own handicraft dhow. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackles provided on board. For bookings, call: 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with dilla coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursdays and Friday and for reservations, call: 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialities served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservations, call: 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Edam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialities.

At the Kuwait International

LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

FAILAKA: Roof-top restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

GARDEN POOL: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

LA PATISSERIE: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel

SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD 0.95 only.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. Call these and more for only KD 2.95.

Roman nights: The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialities and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

SPORTS

Unity nets

SEPT 1, (Friday): The Unity Cricketers will have their net practise at the Ahmadi grounds from 4.30 pm onwards. Unity players and newcomers wishing to play in the forthcoming 1989/90 cricket season are requested to be present. A meeting will be held after the practise session.

IAC badminton

SEPT 7, Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further information and entry forms. Contact IAC office Tel: 394817 (3.00 to 10.30 pm); P.K. Koshy, Tel: 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel: 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Chelian, Tel: 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

Unity Thursday League

TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdulla Mohammed (Tel: 3989565) or Denzil Menzies (Tel: 3989571) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

BBC highlights

Churchill at war

WINSTON Churchill was one of this century's outstanding figures. The greatest time of his political career spanned the years of World War II and in this new ten-part series Martin Gilbert, Churchill's official biographer, talks to Michael Diamond about the period which saw Churchill at the centre of things. The first programme is called 'The Gathering Storm' and with the help of material drawn from Churchill's memoirs it traces the main events of the 1930s which led to the outbreak of war, to be broadcast on Sept 1, Friday at 10.30 and 3.15 pm.

Learning to play

Many years ago George Macpherson taught himself the flute from a book when he was in the Royal Air Force. Three years ago he started having flute lessons and is now working to achieve the top grade, VIII. In the first of a new series of six programmes which stresses that it is never too late to learn an instrument, he talks to Dr Peter Fenwick from the Institute of Psychiatry about the difficulties adults have in learning to play an instrument, to be broadcast today at 2.30 pm and 9.30 pm.

Science in action

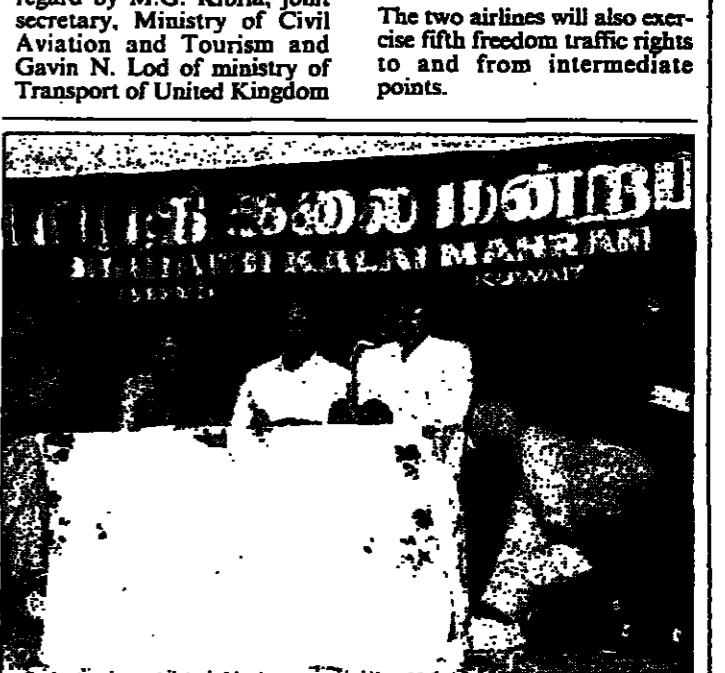
India is the venue for this week's programme. BBC producer Martin Redfern currently on a duty tour there reports on science, technology and medical research on the sub-continent, to be broadcast on Sept 1, Friday at 7.15pm and 11.30pm; Sept 4, Monday at 5.30 am.



Biman-BA sign agreement

BANGLADESH and Britain have signed an agreement for the expansion of air services between the two countries.

A memorandum of understanding was signed in this regard by M.G. Kibria, joint secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Gavin N. Lod of ministry of Transport of United Kingdom



Health seminar

Bharathi Kalai Mandram, an association of Tamil-speaking nationals from Madras, India, arranged a story narrating contest for the children on August 25, this was followed by a 'Health Seminar'. Mrs Jaya Venkateswari delivered a lecture on 'Healthy Nutrition'. A panel of doctors from different specialities answered questions and explained various aspects of health and diseases in simple language. Picture above is a view of the health seminar.

Dear Junior Readers,

Going back to school is more fun than you can imagine! Even though you have to wake up very early, the benefits of learning pay off generously in the end.

You learn the strange wonders of life, the way history forced man to gain experience, the way the world is constantly developing. You learn how to protect yourselves from different diseases and how to help prevent pollution. You learn how to think logically and work out problems which will help you when you go the shopping centres and supermarkets. You learn about music and

the wonders of musicians. There are so many things you can learn and the more you discover, the wiser you become.

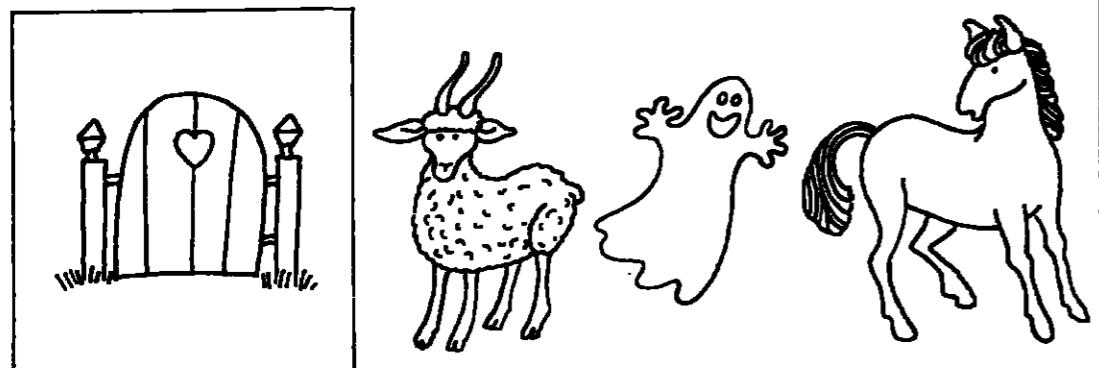
This week JUNIOR TIMES has included some reminders of skills you may have forgotten (look for the multiplication and addition tables).

We are also waiting to hear about your first day of school and about the new friends you make.

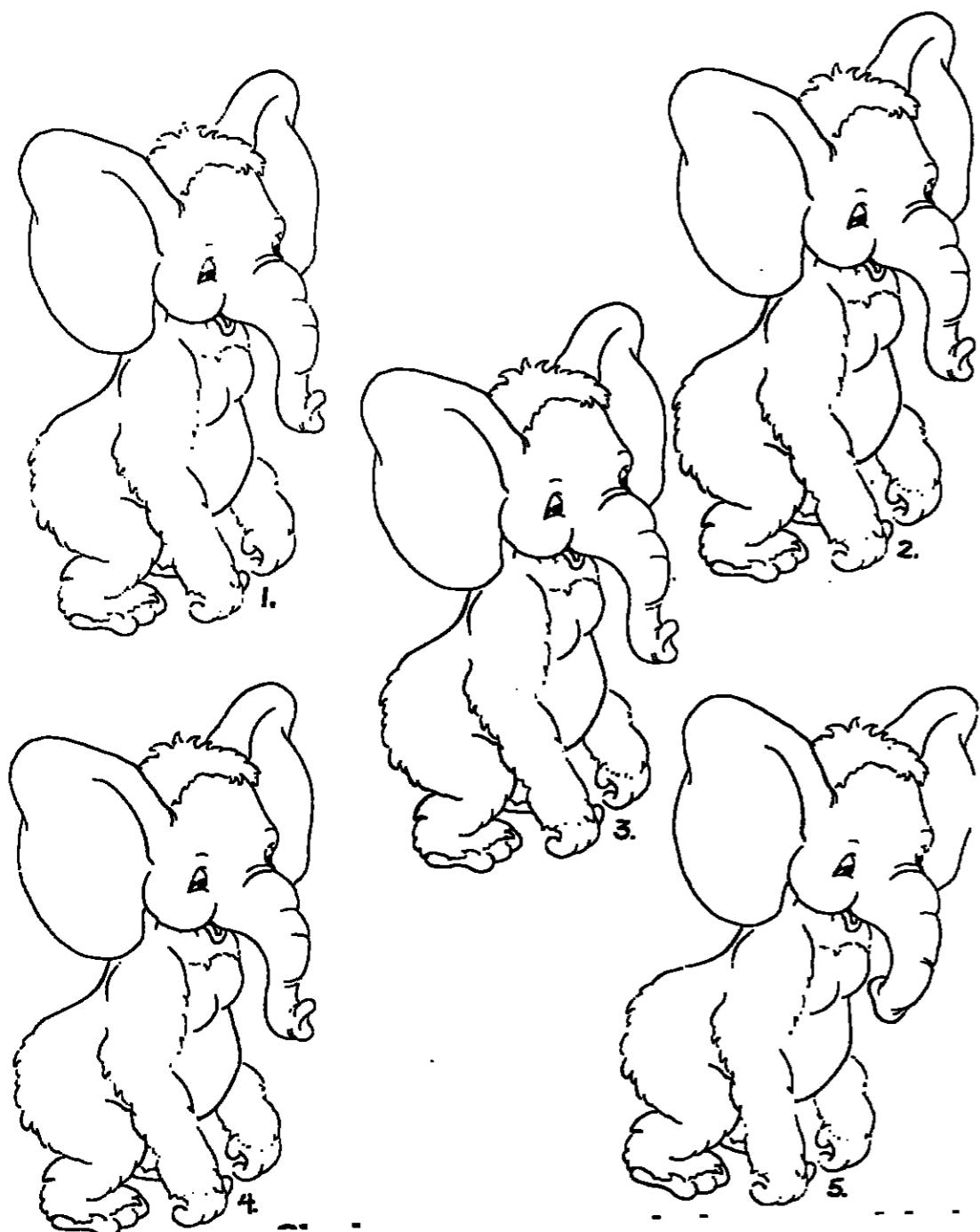
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Beginning sounds

Look at the picture in the box. What is it? Colour in the rest of the pictures which begin with the same sound.



Which ELEPHONKEY is different?



HALLOWEEN

ANNIVERSARY	LAWN
BABY SHOWER	NEW YEAR
BACHELOR	OFFICE
BIRTHDAY	PAJAMA
BON VOYAGE	PROM
BRIDAL	RETIREMENT
COCKTAIL	REUNION
EASTER	STAG
GARDEN	VALENTINE
GRADUATION	

HAVE A PARTY

COCKTAIL N N R B
N N O N P O R A E E E P B
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A N N I V E R S A R Y Y V

Poem

The ABC

'Twas midnight in the schoolroom
And every desk was shut,
When suddenly from the alphabet
Was heard a loud "Tut-tut!"

Said A to B, "I don't like C;
His manners are a lack.
For all I ever see of C
Is a semicircular back!"

"I disagree," said D to B.
"I've never found C so
From where I stand, he seems to be
An uncomplicated O."

C was vexed, "I'm much perplexed,
You criticize my shape.
I'm made like that, to help spell Cat
And Cow and Cool and Cape."

"He's right," said E; said F, "Whoopee!"

Said G, "Ip, ip, 'ooray!"

"You're dropping me," roared H to G.
"Don't do it please, I pray!"

"Out of my way," LL said to K.
"I'll make poor I look ILL."
To stop this stunt, J stood in front,
And presto! ILL was JILL.

"U know," said V, "that W
Is twice the age of me,
For as a Roman V is five
I'm half as young as he."

X and Y yawned sleepily,
"Look at the time!" they said.
They all jumped in to beddy byes
And the last one in was Z!"

Spike Milligan.

"AP" Words

Directions: put a letter in each blank to form the words which fit the definitions below.

1. A P _ _ _
2. _ _ A P
3. _ A P _ _
4. _ A P _ _
5. _ _ A P _ _ _
6. _ _ A P
7. A P _

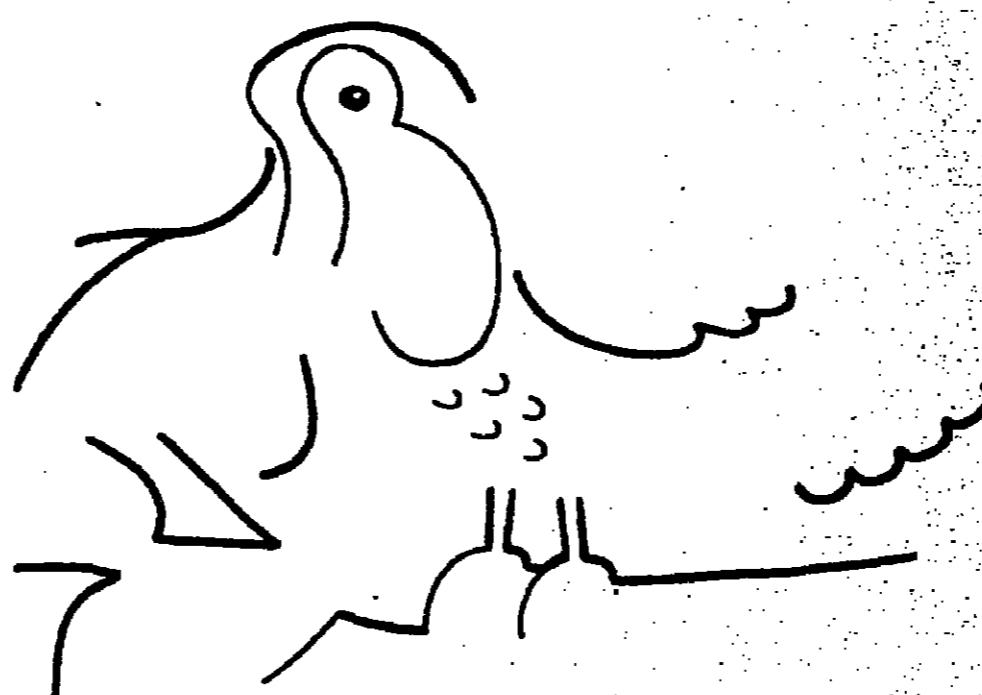
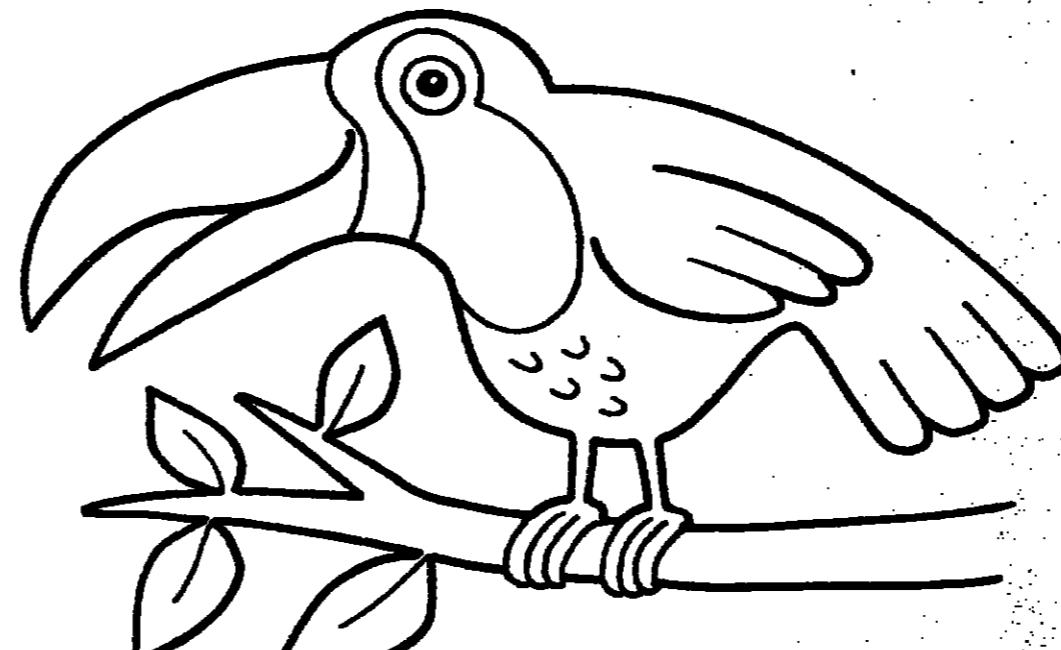


Definitions:

1. The fourth month.
2. When you put paper on a present, you _____ it.
3. When you are smiling, you are _____.
4. What you write on.
5. What you call the sections of a book.
6. What you wear on your head.
7. A big monkey.

Draw and colour

Draw the picture below identical to the picture drawn above. Then colour in both pictures with lovely bright colours.



Are you ready for school?

Test your mathematical skills by filling in the tables below. The top is addition and the bottom is multiplication.

See how long it takes to fill in each table and compare the time taken and the results with your friends.

Addition

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Multiplication

×	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that
is your birthday!
Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend,
brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.
The details we need are:

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
School: _____
Hobbies: _____
Telephone: _____ (confidential)

Send to:
ARAB TIMES
Junior Times
P.O. Box 2270
13023, Safat,
Kuwait
To avoid belated greetings please send
within 2 weeks before the special date

Going to school

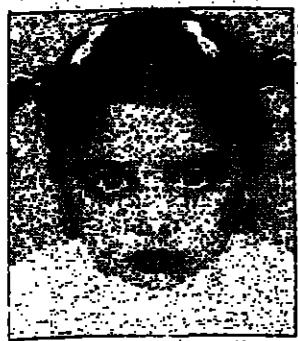
Are you going to school for the first time? You must be really excited. Send the coupon to us and celebrate your first day at school with all of your fellow readers. Just fill in the information required and the address is as always!

Name: _____
Nationality: _____
Age: _____
School: _____
What you want to be when you
grow up: _____

Telephone number:
(Confidential)

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Favourite
4 x 6
photograph



Bishnupriya Mondal celebrates her 4th birthday today, August 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Bishnupriya goes to the Indian School and likes dancing and drawing.



Farah Aliaz celebrates her 7th birthday today, August 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Farah goes to the Pakistan School, Rumaihiya and likes drawing and painting.



Vronsky J. D'Souza celebrates his 5th birthday today, August 29. Happy birthday from his loving parents his brother Valentino, Vaughn and friends. Vronsky is in Carmel School and enjoys watching cartoons and football matches.



Christopher Michael Joseph celebrates his first birthday on August 30. Greetings from mum, dad, aunts, uncles, grandparents and greatgrandparents.

Christopher enjoys playing with toys.



Raja Sen Gupta celebrates her birthday on August 30. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Raja has not yet started school.



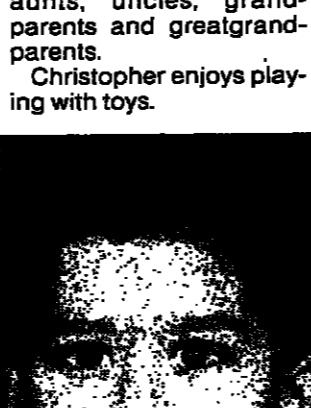
Nida Khan celebrates her 12th birthday on August 30. Happy birthday from parents, family and relatives.

Nida goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes reading and watching television.



Ahmed Fayyaz Fakhruddin celebrated his 4th birthday on August 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and relatives.

Ahmed goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes singing and scribbling.



Kevin Julian Misquitta celebrated his fifth birthday on August 28. Belated greetings from mummy, daddy, relatives and friends.

Kevin goes to Carmel School and likes collecting toy cars and swimming.



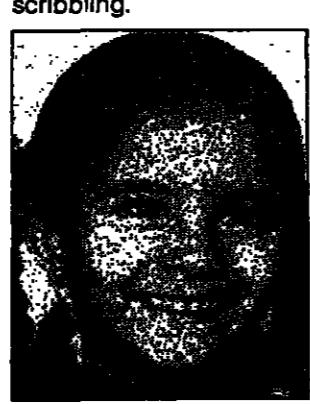
Obaid Parvez Shan celebrated his birthday on August 26th. Belated greetings from family, parents and friends.

Obaid goes to the International School of Pakistan and enjoys reading, football and cricket.



Ranj Upadhyay celebrated her 10th birthday on August 26. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Ranj likes drawing and playing with the Atari.



Simica Kaur Bhogal celebrates her birthday on August 30. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Simica goes to Carmel School and likes reading and singing.

Swiss roll

Whisked cakes or true sponge cakes contain no fat and do not store or keep very well.

EQUIPMENT

Mixing bowl
Rotary whisk
Tablespoon
Sieve

Shallow baking tin or Swiss roll tin
26cm x 18cm (11 in 7 in)
Damp clean tea towel
Sheet greaseproof paper
Sharp knife

1. Grease and line the tin first because this mixture should not wait.

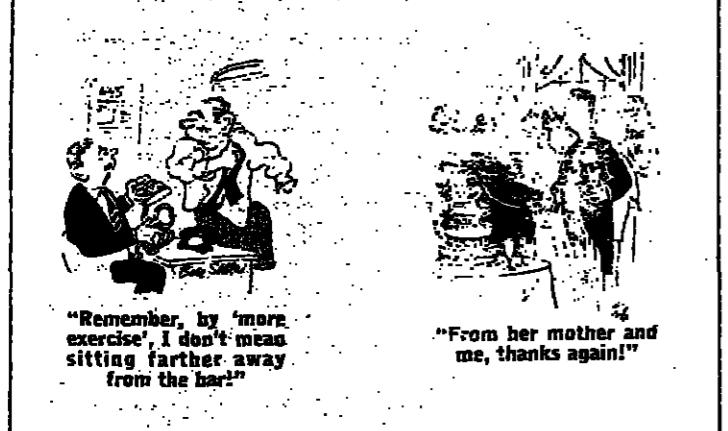
2. Put oven on at Gas Mark 6 (electricity 400°F 200°C).

3. Place eggs and sugar in a mixing bowl and whisk steadily for 8-10 minutes. The mixture will lighten in colour and should hold a trail for 10 seconds. (On a cold day the sugar can be warmed to speed up the whisking.)

4. Sift the flour and gently but quickly, using a figure-of-eight movement, fold in the flour with a metal spoon. This stage should take about 30 seconds.

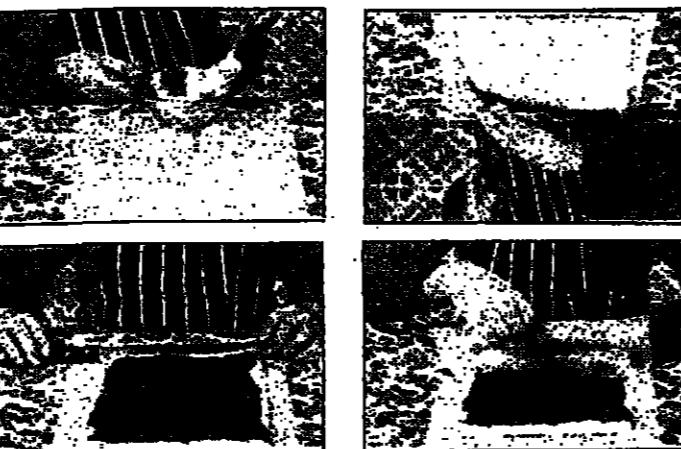
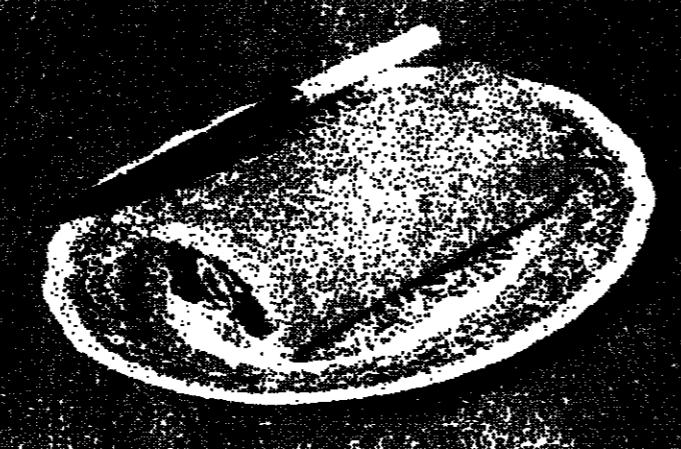
5. Pour immediately into the prepared baking tin.

6. Place in the oven and bake for 8-10 minutes.

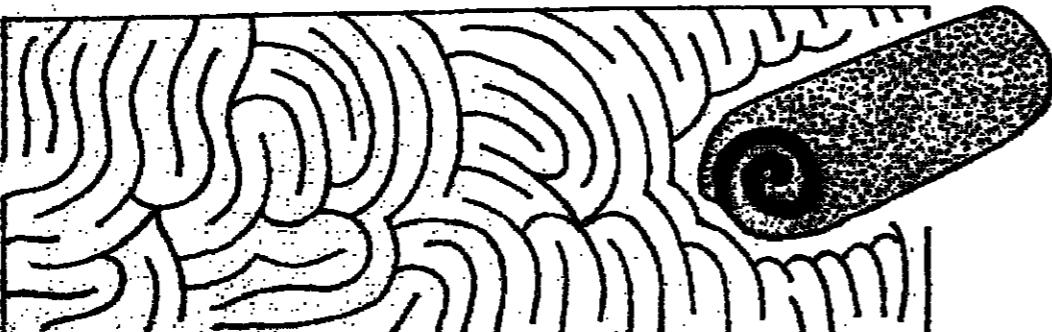


"Remember, 'more exercise', I don't mean sitting farther away from the heat!"

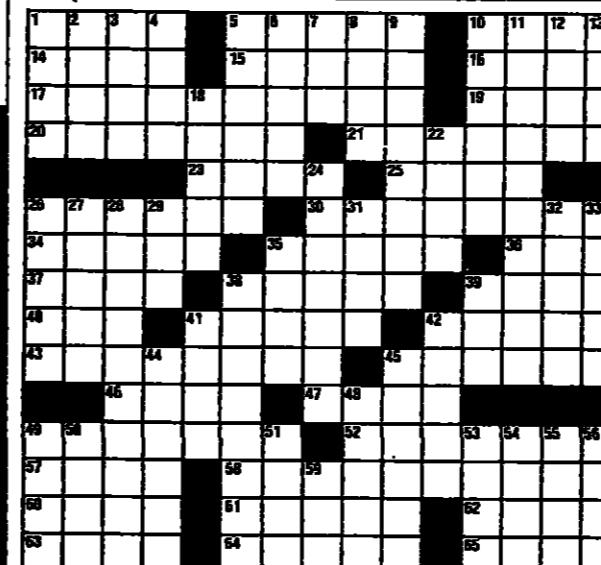
"From her mother and me, thanks again!"



Can you lead Jack to the Swiss roll?



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Apostle of the Franks
- 5 Home
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- 14 Roscoe, the comedian
- 15 Novices, British style
- 16 Venus de —
- 17 They do the dirty work
- 19 Drudge
- 20 Hospital trainee
- 21 Officials in ancient Rome
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- 30 Author of "Iberia"
- 34 Robin of song
- 35 Stop for a tourist
- 36 Actress Joanne
- 37 African grassland
- 38 Wise ones
- 39 Small, medieval shields
- 40 Under the weather
- 41 Polishing machine
- 42 Figure of speech
- 43 Romance language
- 45 Paintings in the Louvre
- 46 Centers of activity
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- 52 City in SW Connecticut
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- 67 Nobelist in physics: 1944
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Lendl fights back to beat Pernfors

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Ivan Lendl rallied to beat unseeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 4-6 6-2 6-4 and win the Haifa International tennis tournament yesterday.

Lendl made numerous unforced errors throughout the match, most of them in the first set. The three-time US Open champion insisted he was concerned with his inconsistent play.

"I'm still not concerned about my game and my chance in the Open," said Lendl, who won

the US Open in 1985-86.

"He played the best against me since I beat him in the French Open final two years ago," said Lendl, the top-ranked player in the world.

"I didn't anticipate anything in this match. I was out to have fun and get ready for the Open."

"I'm still not concerned about my game and my chance in the Open," said Lendl, who won

Pernfors, down 0-30 in the fourth game of the last set, came alive again and reached 3-0, aided by more errors by Lendl.

Lendl, who won \$40,000, tightened his game, held service at love and broke Pernfors, who took home a \$20,000 check, in the final game with the loss of one point.

'S. Africa' tennis players to be banned

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Tennis players who compete in South Africa will be banned from the Olympics, Games' boss Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday.

The ban, proposed in a unanimous recommendation to the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by the IOC's apartheid commission, will be ratified by the 99-member IOC later this week.

Tennis players who play in South Africa will not be able to take part in the Olympic Games, Samaranch told reporters after the opening session of the three-day executive board meeting.

Sam Kaminsky, chairman of the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee (SANROC) and a member of the apartheid commission, said the first victims of the ban would be a group of about six international players who had gone to South Africa in last year's Seoul Games.

He said the group included Davis Cup player Brad Gilbert, fellow American Scott Davis and world junior champion Nicholas Pereira of Venezuela. Gilbert and Davis took part in the Seoul tournament.

Among the 30 sports on the summer and winter Olympic programmes, only tennis and gymnastics have maintained regular contact with South Africa. However, yesterday's recommendation made no specific mention of gymnastics.

A motion to bar South Africa from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) is to be tabled at the ITF meeting in Buenos Aires next month. Yesterday's recommendation, called on Samaranch, the IOC president, to convey the IOC's support for the move to ITF president Philippe Charlier of France.

An ITF ban would be seen as a major addition to the virtual isolation of South Africa from the international sporting arena because of its apartheid policies. The white-ruled republic has been suspended from the Olympic movement since 1970.

Olympic sources said the IOC was keen to endorse the proposed ITF move against South Africa in order to protect the place of tennis in the Olympic programme.

Tennis was restored to the Games on an experimental basis in Seoul after an absence of 64 years and the IOC is expected this week to confirm its permanent place in the Olympic programme.

Meanwhile, as Olympic officials yesterday that the Olympic authorities were likely to set a reluctantly an age limit of 23 for the 1992 Barcelona soccer tournament.

The Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) have been in dispute for more than a year over the eligibility of players taking part in the Barcelona tournament.

FIFA has insisted on an age limit to avoid the risk of the Olympic event becoming a rival to its own showpiece competition, the World Cup finals.

However, the IOC is concerned that such a restriction would put soccer out of step.

"It's likely that the IOC will accept the decision of FIFA even though we are not very satisfied with it," IOC information director Michele Verdi told a news conference.

But she stressed that the IOC's acceptance would apply only to the 1992 tournament.

She said eligibility commission chairman Willi Dattme had advised the IOC executive board that there had been no softening in FIFA's attitude.

This was echoed by FIFA president Joao Havelange, who told reporters: "FIFA directors soccer, not the IOC."

A final decision will be taken by the full IOC session later this week.

Verdi said the executive board would also recommend that demonstration sports be dropped from the Olympics after 1992.

She said such sports had originally been intended simply to allow host cities to promote one or two local traditional sports.

However, this intention had been abused and some sports now saw demonstration or exhibition events as an opportunity to gain full Olympic status.

Navratilova takes title

Sanchez too slow for top-seed



Navratilova poses with a soap stone carving, the trophy for the Canadian Open (Reuter wirephoto)

TORONTO, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Top-seed Martina Navratilova gave Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario a 70-minute tennis lesson in winning her fourth Canadian Open title with a 6-2 6-2 drubbing of the French Open champion yesterday.

"I just played my match," said Navratilova, who served and volleyed with consummate skill. "She was going to have to hit a lot of passing shots to beat me."

Given the pressure, Navratilova was exerting by her consistent and accurate serving, that was a job beyond the ability of the 17-year-old Sanchez-Vicario who was playing in the first hard court final of her professional career.

"I hit a couple of extra second serves in practice. It paid off. I only hit one double fault," said Navratilova, who double faulted twice on break point in her quarter-final match against Japanese qualifier Nana Miyagi.

Sanchez-Vicario broke Navratilova just twice — in the second game of the match when her timing was off and she made four unforced volley errors and in the fourth game of the second set when the gutsy Spaniard briefly found the range for her passing shots.

Navratilova had

encouragement for Sanchez-Vicario, a clay court specialist who is working on adjusting to hard courts by adding sting to her serve and learning to volley under pressure.

"Arantxa's got a nice hard serve," Navratilova said, adding that against another player she would be able to use her serve to win a few cheap points.

Looking ahead for the first time to the US Open, Navratilova said playing here was the perfect tune-up because she had to play both baseliners and serve-volleyers.

"I think I worked out all the kinks," she said. "Hopefully, I'll be ready for anything."

Although she was not able to rally for a set down and 5-1 as she had on Saturday against second seeded defending Canadian champion Gabriela Sabatini, Sanchez-Vicario was still pleased with her effort against the premier serve and volleyer in the women's game.

"Always she made great volleys and I can do nothing," Sanchez-Vicario said, adding that she had learned much about hard court play from the match.

"I have to improve more my serve and come more to the net... (but) I'm young so I have a lot of time. A match like this, you learn so I play better next time," she said.

Navratilova won \$60,000 and Sanchez-Vicario \$24,000.

Karpov and Kasparov remain tied

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 28. (AP): World chess champion Gary Kasparov and the former titleholder, Anatoly Karpov, drew their games in the 11th round of the chess World Cup yesterday and remained tied in first place with four rounds remaining.

Kasparov and Karpov, both Soviets, have each scored seven points out of possible 11. America's Yasser Seirawan and British grandmaster Nigel Short are tied for third with six and a half points out of 11. A win scores one point and a draw a half-point.

Seirawan, a 29-year-old from Seattle, defeated Ulf Andersson of Sweden to move up and challenge the leaders.

Karpov drew with the black pieces against Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland.

The World Cup is a Grand Prix of six tournaments featuring a total prize fund of \$1.2 million.



Frost reacts after getting a birdie on the 17th green. (Reuter wirephoto)

Crenshaw finishes second

Frost wins World Series

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 28. (Reuter): David Frost of South Africa parred the second extra hole to beat Ben Crenshaw and win the \$1 million World Series of Golf yesterday.

Frost had a final round of one-under-par 69 on the south course where Crenshaw had 68 as they tied at four-under-par 276. Payne Stewart bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes to finish in third place at two-under-par 278.

Greg Norman of Australia was alone in fourth place at one-under-par 279 while Mike Reid, the winner last year, and Larry Mize were tied at even-par 280.

The victory was the third of Frost's tour career and was worth \$180,000. It increased his earnings for the year to \$507,159.

Frost and Crenshaw managed routine pars on the first playoff hole. On the second, both drove to

right, but Crenshaw went into the trees. His second shot stayed in the rough to the right of the green and his pitch came 12 feet short of the cup.

Frost hit his second shot onto the right fringe and he chipped to within two feet. He made his putt for the par, while Crenshaw missed to lose his seventh playoff. He has yet to win a playoff on tour.

"The most thrilling feeling," Frost said, "is to beat Crenshaw, Stewart and Norman. Those are three of the great players in the world."

Frost said the first course he ever saw in the United States was this one. He came here in 1983 for the World Series, qualifying through the South African PGA Order of Merit.

Crenshaw was disappointed, but "very pleased with what I did this week. I'm proud. I played four times harder than anyone because I kept hitting it in strange places and had to work to make my pars."

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King clinches crown

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, Ga., Aug. 28. (Reuter): Betsy King rode nine birdies and an eagle to a 68 and her sixth title of the year yesterday by capturing the LPGA world championship of golf three strokes ahead of Pat Bradley and Patty Sheehan.

King finished her four rounds with 13-under-par 275, good for the \$83,500 first place prize. She has now won \$609,457 this season, the first LPGA player to earn more than \$600,000 in a single season.

King served notice from the start that she was going to be tough, firing two birdies on holes three and four, followed by an

eaon on the fifth hole. She had one more birdie and then a bogey on the ninth hole to make the turn at four-under par.

"When I started I thought I was going to run away with it," King said. "Then I missed a few drives and a few wedges and people started to make a run at me."

King's lead was narrowed to one stroke when she bogeyed holes 11 and 12 to fall back to 11-under-par.

Britain's Laurie Davies shot into contention with the help of an eagle on the fifth hole and birdies on 10 and 11 to move to 10-under-par.

Charles defeats Coody for title

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Aug. 28. (AP): Bob Charles sank an 8-foot put on the final hole yesterday to beat Charles Coody in a backside duel of nerves and win his third straight Charley Pride Senior Tour tournament.

Charles won the tournament when he two-putted from 35 feet and Coody missed a 5-foot par putt that would have forced a sudden-death playoff.

Coody, looking for his first Senior Tour victory, bogeyed the final two holes after leading Charles by two shots with three holes to play.

Lyle left out of Cup team at own request

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Former British Open and US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain, out of form and in despair, was at his own request left out yesterday of the European Ryder Cup squad that will defend the trophy against the United States next month.

European captain Tony Jacklin was forced to omit Lyle, a member of the last five European Ryder Cup teams.

But Jacklin still went for experience by naming Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Howard Clark of Britain and Christy O'Connor of Ireland to complete the lineup for the match at the Belfry, central England, from September 22 to 24.

Earlier, Jose-Maria Canizares of Spain, 42, had won the ninth and last automatic selection place by taking a share of fifth position in the German Open here.

"I spoke to Sandy in America by telephone last night," Jacklin explained. "It was his personal request that he should not be included in the team. I did my best to dissuade him and told him he had the support of all the other players."

"It was a tough, tough decision for Sandy to make and I admire him for the guts and bravery it took to make it. Sandy feels incapable of sustaining the pressure of playing Ryder Cup golf and I can't ask him to do something he does not want to do."

Lyle, 1985 British Open winner and the 1988 US Masters champion, was playing in the World Series in Akron, Ohio, this weekend in a bid to show some form but had rounds of 74-74-77 when he spoke to Jacklin.

"He is at a very low ebb at the moment," Jacklin said.

Lyle, 31, made a promising start to the year on the US Tour, but then missed nine cuts in 11 events in mid-year as his form plummeted. He has not rediscovered it yet.

The other eight members of the European team, who had already clinched their places, are Spaniards Jose-Maria Olazabal and Seve Ballesteros, and Britons Ronan Rafferty, Nick Faldo, Ian Woosnam, Mark James, Gordon Brand Jr and Sam Torrance.

All of the team except Rafferty, the leader of the European money list for the year, have previous Ryder Cup experience.

The Europeans ended a prolonged period of American domination of the biennial competition by capturing the Cup from the Americans by 16-1/2 points to 11-1/2 at the Belfry in 1985. They retained it 15-13 in 1987 at Muirfield Village, Ohio.

"I certainly feel our team is as strong as in 1987 while the Americans have a lot of guys not experienced in Europe," Jacklin said. "There is no change my team for theirs."

Canizares, who played on three successive teams from 1981 to 1985, entered the final qualification event in Germany trailing ninth-placed Philip Walton of Ireland for automatic selection.



Johnston (right) in action against Celtic. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rangers were founded in 1873 and quickly assumed their status as a Protestant institution after moving to the Govan Dock dis-

trict of Glasgow.

The dockers had close family and cultural links with the Ulster Protestants whose Scottish

ancestors had settled in the province in the 17th century. Meanwhile, on the other side of the city, Celtic Football Club was firmly establishing its identity among the impoverished Irish immigrants who had fled their homeland after the famines of the 1840s. The club was in fact founded by Irish priests to aid local charities and, while never barring Protestants, attracted most of its talent from Scotland's 800,000 Catholics — a sixth of the population.

Since the turn of the century the two giants have dominated Scottish football, occasionally scaling the heights of Europe and supplied more than enough folk drama for even the notoriously argumentative Glaswegians.

In the clubs' heyday, crowds of 130,000 regularly turned up at derby games, though the 1971 Ibrox disaster when 66 people were killed in an accidental crush put paid to the ear of vast attendance.

Ironically Celtic enjoyed their finest spell — winning the European Cup in 1967 — under the guidance of their first Protestant manager, the late Jock Stein.

Stein, who gained a grudging admiration from even the Rangers fans, used to poke gentle fun at the bizarre aspects of the rivalry with a tale that suddenly no longer holds true.

"When I was at Celtic, if we had to choose between two equally promising youngsters — one Catholic and the other Protestant — I would always sign the latter ... that way we at least knew the other wouldn't end up at Rangers," he said.

Maradona to return, needs month to get fit

ROME, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Diego Maradona, absent without leave in New York, says he will return to Italy by the end of this week but that it will be at least a month before he is fit to play.

In a preview of an Italian television interview to be shown in full later today, the Argentine and Napoli captain was quoted as saying:

"I will return within the week but you will

not know until the last minute. Physically I am well but I won't be able to play for at least a month."

Maradona, 28, left Italy on June 29 and his Napoli club has started disciplinary proceedings against him because of his refusal to return in time for yesterday's start of the First Division championship, in which his side beat Ascoli 1-0.

An absence of another month from the field would mean Maradona missing Napoli's opening match against Sporting Lisbon on September 14 in defence of their UEFA Cup title.

Italian Rai television journalist Salvatore Biazzo, who interviewed Maradona in Buenos Aires, said the Argentine World Cup captain had grown a long beard and was

"rather fat."

But Biazzo said Maradona, a short, stocky man with a tendency to overweight, was not as fat as had been expected.

Biazzo, speaking on Rai's lunchtime news programme via a telephone linkup, said he was sure that "Maradona's exile is about to finish."

He said Maradona attributed his earlier

refusal to return to Naples to the behaviour of Napoli club officials towards him. Biazzo did not elaborate.

Maradona said last week in a statement that there was a plot against him in Naples and that he would not return until the club guaranteed his safety.

Naples police have said there is no evidence to support claims by Maradona.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Pallister sold

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Mid-derbrough central defender, Gary Pallister joined Manchester United today for a British club record fee of £23 million (\$36 million).

ID scheme

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter): An identity cards scheme, aimed at rid-
ing English soccer of hooliganism and opening the way for clubs to be readmitted to European competitions, has been opposed by UEFA.

Ivanisevic wins

PRINCETON, New Jersey, Aug. 28. (UPI): Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia defeated an injured Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union in straight sets 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 yesterday to win the \$54,000 New Jersey Bell Yellow Pages Tennis Invitational.

Berger triumphs

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Aug. 28. (AP): Jay Berger defeated second Michael Chang 6-4, 6-6, 6-3 yesterday to win the Wilmington Tennis Classic.

World wrestling

MARTIGNY, Switzerland, Aug. 28. (AP): The Soviet Union dominated the Greco-Roman world wrestling championships that wrapped up yesterday, winning five of ten gold medals and finishing 37 points ahead of nearest rival Hungary.

Gold medal

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug. 28. (AP): Dave Johnson of the United States clinched the gold medal in a thrilling decathlon finish at World University Games yesterday.

Motocross GP

ANGREAU, Belgium, Aug. 28. (Reuter): World champion Jean-Michel Bayle of France yesterday won the Belgian 250cc Motocross Grand Prix, the final event of the season.

Fourth win

WOHLEN, Switzerland, Aug. 28. (Reuter): World motocross champion David Thorpe of Britain underlined his dominance with a fourth successive 500cc Grand Prix win yesterday in the Swiss finale of the 1989 world championship.

Britain win

GROSSHANSDORF, West Germany, Aug. 28. (UPI): Britain triumphed in a rain-soaked finale to take the title at the 4th European Championships last night, outlasting Finland.

Injury problems

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Injury problems have forced the International XV to borrow two South African players for the penultimate fixture of their five-game tour against Northern Transvaal in Pretoria tomorrow.

Milo Cup

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (UPI): Japan scored three goals in the first half to roll over Leningrad of the Soviet Union 3-1 in the finals yesterday to win the Milo Cup World Soccer Championships for boys for the second straight year.

Davies recalled

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Former Manchester United winger Alan Davies has been recalled to the Welsh squad for their World Cup qualifier against Finland in Helsinki on Sept. 6.

LPGA title

CRANSTON, R.I., Aug. 28. (Reuter): Tina Barrett won her first LPGA title yesterday with a final-round 70, good for a two-stroke margin over Nancy Brown in the Ocean State Open tournament.

US Open

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Defending singles champion Steffi Graf and Mats Wilander made short work of their opening round opponents on Monday to launch the 1989 US Open tennis championships.

Aouita wins

GATESHEAD, England, Aug. 28. (AP): Said Aouita sped past home-town favourite Peter Elliott and Kenya's Joseph Cheruiyot on the final straight to win a mile race in 3 minutes, 51.97 seconds today to highlight an international track and field meet.

QMCC League

KHEITAN Cricket Club meet Morning Star in a QMCC Summer League match at the Millat Airport ground on Friday. The match will start at 5.00 am.

KCL season

THE KCL cricket season is scheduled to start soon. A meeting in this connection will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8.00 pm at Sajid Khan's house. All team representatives should attend.

Swedish squad

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Sweden manager Olof Nordin today announced a squad built around Liverpool sweeper Glenn Hysen and Benfica's Jonas Thern and Mats Magnusson for the World Cup qualifier against England in Stockholm on Sept. 6.

Small holds off Australia

England avert follow-on



Gower hit a half-century

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Tailender Gladstone Small led a rare show of England defiance to deny Australia the chance of enforcing the follow-on on the fourth day of the fourth day of the sixth and final Test at the Oval today.

His fighting innings enabled England to reach 285 in reply to Australia's first innings 468. Australia had made 87 for the loss of Geoff Marsh's wicket in their second innings by the close, a lead of 270.

Small's confidently struck 59, his maiden Test half-century, was as unexpected as it was welcome for an England side seemingly lurching towards their fifth defeat of the series.

Arriving at the crease with the follow-on target of 269 still 100 runs away and only three wickets to fall, Small cracked seven boundaries in reaching his 50 from only 74 balls.

With Derek Pringle, who made a dogged 27, he added 32 for the eighth wicket and then

with Nick Cook, last man out for 31, he shared a stand of 73, the highest partnership of the innings.

When he finally fell, lofting a drive to Dean Jones at cover, Small was given a standing ovation by the large crowd unaccustomed to this series to English successes.

Such has been Australia's dominance throughout the series that the saving of the follow-on had something of an air of victory about it.

Certainly, it had not appeared likely on Saturday afternoon when paceman Terry Alderman had once more lanced through the England batting to reduce them to 98 for six.

Captain David Gower showed the way early on when England returned at 124 for six with an innings of grace and character before falling short of what would have been a well-deserved century.

He produced a sparkling array of strokes, punishing paceman

Merv Hughes for two successive fours as he moved into top gear.

But when he had reached 79, almost inevitably he played a careless legside swish which clipped the ball to wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Equally inevitably the bowler was Alderman, completing five wickets in an innings for the sixth time in the series. It took the paceman's tally against England to 39, just three short of the record for an Ashes series he set eight years ago.

In 35 overs before the close Australian opener Mark Taylor hit 43 not out to take his tally of runs for the series to 834, putting him level with Neil Harvey in third place in the list of individual aggregates in a series.

Only Wally Hammond with 94 and Don Bradman with 97 were ahead of him.

England's sole success came with only seven on the board when Test debutant Alan Iglesias had Geoff Marsh leg before for four.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings	
J. Jones	122, A. Border
Taylor	71 D. Pringle
G. Gooch	lbw b Alderman
J. Stephenson	c Waugh b Alderman
M. Atherton	c Healy b Hughes
R. Smith	b Lawson
D. Gower	c Healy b Alderman
D. Capel	lbw b Alderman
J. Russell	c Healy b Alderman
G. Small	c Jones b Lawson
N. Cook	c Jones b Lawson
A. Iglesias	not out
Extras	(b-2 lb-7 w-1 nb-13)
Total	285

Fall of wickets: I-1 2-28 3-47 4-80 5-84 6-98 7-169 8-201 9-274

Bowling: Alderman 27-7-66-5, Lawson 29-1-9-85-3, Gower 23-3-84-1, Hohns 10-1-30-1, Waugh 3-0-11-0

AUSTRALIA second innings

AUSTRALIA second innings	
M. Taylor	not out
G. Marsh	lbw b Iglesias
D. Boon	not out
Extras	(b-5 nb-6)
Total (for one wicket)	87
Fall of wicket:	1-7

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Score: 1-7

Fall of wicket: 1